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NEBRASKA MAY 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST AND HAY STOCKS

LINCOLN, Neb., May 11, 2007 -- Based on May 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2007 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 75.9 million bushels, up 24 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field office. Average yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year and 1.5 above the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.85 million acres, up 150,000 acres or 9 percent from last year. This would be 95 percent of the planted acres, compared to 94 percent harvested last year and the ten-year average of 93 percent. The April 29 wheat condition was rated 51 percent good to excellent, above both last year and average. Crop development was a few days ahead of last year and normal. As of April 29, soil moisture supplies were also above a year ago and the 5-year average.

May 1 **hay stocks** of 850 thousand tons are down 21 percent from last year and 27 percent below the ten-year average. Lower production in 2006 and increased cattle inventories have reduced current supplies.

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