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NEBRASKA'S JUNE 1, 2008 ACREAGE REPORT

Lincoln, Neb., June 30, 2008 -- Nebraska producers increased area planted to soybeans, proso millet, dry edible beans, and sunflowers from a year ago. Area devoted to corn, winter wheat, hay, and sugarbeets decreased, while sorghum and oats acreage were unchanged, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Nebraska **corn** growers planted 9.0 million acres for all purposes in 2008, down 4 percent from last year but still the second largest planted area since 1936. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 86 percent of the planted acreage, up from 79 percent last year.

Soybean producers planted 4.75 million acres, up 25 percent from the previous year. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 97 percent of the planted acreage, up from 96 percent last year.

Last fall, **winter wheat** was sown on 1.8 million acres, down 12 percent from 2007. Area for harvest, at 1.7 million, is down 13 percent from 2007.

Sorghum growers planted 350,000 acres, unchanged from 2007.

Alfalfa Hay acreage for harvest, at 1.05 million, is down 9 percent from last year. **Other types of hay**, at 1.45 million acres, are down 3 percent from a year earlier. **Proso Millet** plantings, at 165,000 acres, are up 14 percent from 2007. **Oat** seedings, at 120,000 acres, are unchanged from 2007. **Dry edible bean** producers planted 120,000 acres, up 9 percent from a year earlier. **Sunflower** acreage of 60,000 is up 22 percent from a year ago. **Sugarbeet** plantings of 46,000 acres are down 3 percent from 2007.

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