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NEBRASKA JUNE 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST LOWER

LINCOLN, Neb., June 10, 2008 -- Based on June 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2008 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 79.6 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Average yield is forecast at 43 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month and unchanged from last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.85 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 6 percent from last year.

Precipitation since April 1 has been near normal in the west and well above normal across the remainder of the state. However, the precipitation has brought with it severe weather with high winds and localized damaging hail. As of June 1st, crop conditions rated 64 percent good and excellent compared to 57 percent a year earlier. Crop development was nine days behind average at 39 percent headed.

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