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NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION DECLINES

LINCOLN, Neb., July 11, 2008 -- Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2008 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 71.4 million bushels, down 10 percent from last month's forecast and 15 percent below last year's crop, according to the Nebraska Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The production decline from last month is a combination of fewer acres as published in the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2008, and a smaller yield. Average yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month and last year.

Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.7 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report but 13 percent less than last year. Wheat harvest began after the 1st of July about a week and a half behind last year and average.

Oat production is forecast at 2.76 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 40,000 acres, is up 14 percent from 2007. Yield, at 69 bushels per acre, is forecast to be 1 bushel per acre above a year ago.

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