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## NEBRASKA'S 2008 ROW CROP PROSPECTS GOOD

LINCOLN, Neb., August 12, 2008 -- Based on August 1 conditions, Nebraska's **corn** crop is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels, 3 percent below last year but still the second highest of record, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Area to be harvested for grain, at 8.75 million acres, is down 5 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 163 bushels per acre, 3 bushels above last year but 3 bushels below the record high set in 2004. "Precipitation in many dryland areas has been well above normal increasing yield potential. This coupled with irrigated corn prospects which are in line with past years have contributed to the overall yield forecast," said Joseph Parsons, director of the Nebraska Field Office.

**Soybean** production in Nebraska is forecast at 235 million bushels, 23 percent above last year and third highest of record. Area for harvest, at 4.7 million acres, is up 25 percent from 2007. Yield is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last year's record high.

Nebraska's 2008 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 74.8 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month's forecast but 11 percent below last year's crop. Area for grain, at 1.7 million acres, is unchanged from last month but 13 percent below last year. Yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month and 1 bushel above last year.

**Sorghum** yield is forecast at 91 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year. Production is forecast at 21.8 million bushels, down 7 percent from a year ago. **Oat** yield is forecast at 71 bushels per acre, 3 bushels above last year and equal to the third highest of record. Production of 2.84 million bushels is 19 percent above last year. **Dry edible bean** production is up 5 percent from last year. **Sugarbeet** production is down 24 percent from 2007, a result of fewer acres for harvest and a lower yield than a year ago. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast to be 5 percent below last year and **all other hay** production is down 3 percent.

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