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Pennsylvania's Small Grain Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 28, 2007 - - Final estimates of Pennsylvania's 2007 small grains indicate that production of winter wheat is above the level of a year ago, while oats and barley are below last year, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Oat yield was estimated at 56 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels per acre from last year. Acreage for harvest at 80,000, was down 30,000 from last year, with the resulting production at 4.5 million bushels, 36 percent below last year. Barley yield was estimated at 73 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels per acre from last year. Barley acreage for harvest decreased 4,000 acres from last year to 42,000, with the resulting production at 3.07 million bushels, 18 percent below than last year.

Winter wheat yield was estimated at a record 58 bushels per acre, down one bushel per acre from last year. Acreage for harvest was 155,000, which was up 5,000 acres from a year ago. The resulting production, at 8.99 million bushels, was up 2 percent from last year.

At the United States level, oat production is estimated at a record low 91.6 million bushels, 7 percent below the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year. The estimated yield is 60.9 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the last forecast but up 1.1 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields increased in most States throughout the Great Plains and central Rocky Mountains. Harvested area at 1.51 million acres is 7 percent and 4 percent below August and last year, respectively. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 212 million bushels, down 5 percent from the August forecast but up 18 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 60.4 bushels, is down 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and 0.7 bushel from the 2006 yield. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.51 million acres, down 1 percent from August but 19 percent above a year ago. Acreage harvest is up 40,000 in Idaho, 100,000 in Montana, 395,000 in North Dakota, and 35,000 in Washington resulting in higher production than last year. Production is down throughout the Great Basin, Ohio Valley, and Mid-Atlantic States. Compared with last year, lower yields are due to low levels of precipitation during the growing season and lower acreage harvested contributed to the decrease in these areas. However, production levels increased, compared with last year across nearly the entire northern tier of the country, from the Pacific to Maine, as well as in Arizona, Colorado, and Maryland.

The 2007 winter wheat production is estimated at 1.52 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the final forecast but up 17 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 42.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from August and up 0.5 bushel from last year's final yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 36.0 million acres, down 3 percent from the last forecast but up 16 percent from the previous year.

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