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Pennsylvania June Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA, Jun 29, 2007 - - - Based on acreage planted by June 1, 2007 and intended acres that remained to be planted, the Keystone state's farmers expect to harvest more acres of corn, winter wheat, alfalfa hay, soybeans, and tobacco than in 2006. Fewer acres of barley, sorghum, oats, and all other hay are expected to be harvested in 2007 according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 1,450,000, up 100,000 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 1,000,000 acres of corn for grain, up 40,000 acres or 4 percent above a year ago. Sorghum acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 11,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from a year ago. Growers expect to harvest 4,000 acres for grain, which is down 1,000 acres from last year. Soybean acreage planted is estimated at 440,000 acres, up 10,000 from last year. Nineteen percent of this year's soybean acres are expected to be planted following another harvested crop. Soybean acreage for harvest is estimated at 435,000 acres for 2007, up 2 percent from the 425,000 acres harvested last year.

Oat acreage planted in 2007 is estimated at 120,000, down 15,000 acres or 11 percent less than a year ago. Growers expect to harvest 90,000 acres for grain, which is 20,000 acres less than last year. Winter wheat acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 155,000 acres, up 5,000 acres or 3 percent above last year. Barley acreage for harvest, at 45,000, is down 1,000 acres or 2 percent from 2006.

All acres for harvest of dry hay in 2007 are estimated at 1,700,000, down 50,000 acres or 3 percent less than last year. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for dry hay, at 550,000 acres, are up 50,000 acres or 10 percent from last year. All other dry hay, at 1,150,000 acres, is down 100,000 acres from last year.

Tobacco acres for harvest increased 19 percent from a year ago with growers expecting to harvest 9,400 acres, compared to 7,900 acres last year. Of these acres, 1,100 acres are expected to be Southern Maryland type 32 tobacco, 1,800 acres of Pennsylvania seedleaf cigar filler type 41 tobacco, and the remaining 6,500 acres expected to be light air-cured type 31 burley tobacco.

At the United States level, corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 92.9 million acres, up 19 percent from 2006 and 14 percent higher than 2005. Farmers increased their corn plantings 3 percent from their March intentions, resulting in the highest planted area since 1944 when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. Farmers reported that more than 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, which is slightly above the average for the past 10 years. Growers expect to harvest 85.4 million acres of corn for grain, up 21 percent from 2006. Sorghum area planted in 2007 is estimated at 7.77 million acres, up 19 percent from 2006. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 6.70 million acres, up 36 percent from last year. The 2007 soybean planted area is estimated at 64.1 million acres, down 15 percent from last year's record high. Area for harvest at 63.3 million acres, is also down 15 percent from 2006. This is the lowest planted and harvested area for soybeans since 1995.

The 2006 winter wheat planted area, at 45.1 million acres, is 11 percent above last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 37.6 million acres. Acres seeded for the 2007 oat crop totaled 3.86 million acres, down 7 percent from last year's planted area. Growers expect to harvest 1.6 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from the 2006 harvested acreage of 1.58 million. Barley growers seeded 4.04 million acres for the 2007 crop, up 17 percent from the 3.45 million acres seeded a year ago. Acres for harvest, at 3.54 million, are up 20 percent from 2006.

Farmers expect to harvest 61.8 million acres of all dry hay in 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is estimated at 21.5 million acres, up fractionally from last year. All other dry hay area harvested is expected to total 40.3 million acres, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

All tobacco acres for harvest in 2007 are estimated at 355,670 acres, up 5 percent from 2006 and 3 percent above the March intentions. Acreage for all types increased despite decreases in burley and dark air-cured tobacco acreage since the March intentions.

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