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Pennsylvania Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, May 14, 2007 -- Based on May 1 conditions, Pennsylvania's 2007 production of winter wheat is expected to be 6.8 percent below 2006. Final total tobacco production figures for 2006 were up 52 percent from 2005. May 1 hay stocks are estimated to be up 27 percent from a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Winter wheat harvested acreage is forecast at 150,000, which is unchanged from last year. Based on the condition of the crop as of May 1, yield is forecast at 55 bushels per acre, 4 bushels per acre below last year's final yield of 59 bushels. This results in a production of 8,250,000 bushels, compared to the 2006 final production of 8,850,000 bushels.

Total 2006 tobacco production for Pennsylvania was 16,240,000 pounds. Southern Maryland type acres harvested were 1,100 with an average yield per acre of 1,900 pounds and a production of 2,090,000 pounds with a value set at \$3.14 million. Class 4 Pennsylvania Seedleaf type acres harvested were 1,300 with an average yield of 2,000 pounds per acre and production of 2,600,000 pounds. The total value of this seedleaf tobacco crop was set at \$4.03 million. Light air-cured Burley tobacco acres harvested were 5,500 with an average yield per acre of 2,100 pounds and a resulting production of 11,550,000 pounds valued at \$19.06 million.

Hay stocks on Pennsylvania farms as of May 1 totaled 520,000 tons, compared to 410,000 tons last May 1, and 650,000 tons May 1, 2005.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2007 is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels based on crop conditions as of May 1. This is up 24 percent from 2006. Area to be harvested for grain totals 37.2 million acres, up 19 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Total 2006 U.S. tobacco production was 726.6 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2005. The total value of the tobacco crop was \$1.21 billion.

All hay stocks on U.S. farms as of May 1 totaled 15.0 million tons, 30 percent below the May 1, 2006 stocks, and 46 percent below the stocks of May 1, 2005.

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