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## Pennsylvania Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, May 9, 2008 -- Based on May 1 conditions, Pennsylvania's 2008 production of winter wheat is expected to be 23 percent above 2007. Final total tobacco production figures for 2007 were up 6 percent from 2006. May 1 hay stocks are estimated to be down 4 percent from a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Winter wheat harvested acreage is forecast at 190,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from last year. Based on the condition of the crop as of May 1, yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's final yield. This results in a production of 11,020,000 bushels, compared to the 2007 final production of 8,990,000 bushels.

Total tobacco production for Pennsylvania was 17,200,000 pounds in 2007. Southern Maryland type acres harvested were 1,100 with an average yield per acre of 2,100 pounds and a production of 2,310,000 pounds. Pennsylvania Seedleaf type acres harvested were 1,800 with an average yield of 2,300 pounds per acre and production of 4,140,000 pounds. The total value of this seedleaf tobacco crop was set at \$6.83 million. Light air-cured Burley tobacco acres harvested were 5,000 with an average yield per acre of 2,150 pounds and a resulting production of 10,750,000 pounds valued at \$17.7 million.

Hay stocks on Pennsylvania farms as of May 1 totaled 500,000 tons, compared to 520,000 tons last May 1, and 410,000 tons May 1, 2006.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2008 is forecast at 1.78 billion bushels, up 17 percent from 2007. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 40.2 million acres, up 12 percent from last year. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.3 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Revised U.S. tobacco production for 2007 totaled 780 million pounds, up slightly from the January preliminary estimate and 7 percent above 2006. Harvested area is estimated at 356,000 acres, unchanged from the January preliminary estimate, but up 5 percent from the previous year's estimate.

All hay stored on U.S. farms May 1, 2008 totaled 21.6 million tons, up 44 percent from the previous year. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2007 to May 1, 2008 totaled 82.4 million tons, 1 percent more than disappearance of 81.5 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

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