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2006 CROP VALUES INCREASE 17 PERCENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The total value of principal crops grown in **SOUTH CAROLINA** during 2006 was \$541,159,000, up 17 percent (\$80,201,000) from 2005, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office reported today. This total value ranked South Carolina 33rd among all states. California was first with \$18.9 billion while our neighboring states of Georgia and North Carolina were at \$1.79 billion and \$2.02 billion, respectively.

In South Carolina, 2006 Field and Miscellaneous Crop values at \$451,990,000 were up 14 percent from the 2005 value of \$395,828,000; 2006 Commercial Vegetable Crop values at \$48,724,000 were up 58 percent from the 2005 value of \$30,850,000, while the value of Fruits and Nuts in 2006 increased 18 percent to \$40,445,000 from \$34,280,000 in 2005.

The value of individual field crops in South Carolina for 2006 and the percent change from 2005 are shown below:

Corn:	\$ 89,320,000,	up	23 percent
Sorghum:	\$ 930,000,	up	37 percent
Oats:	\$ 2,079,000,	up	1 percent
Winter Wheat:	\$ 18,143,000,	down	24 percent
Soybeans:	\$ 71,253,000,	up	49 percent
Peanuts:	\$ 30,554,000,	down	4 percent
Cotton:	\$ 108,000,000,	up	12 percent
All Hay:	\$ 44,460,000,	down	10 percent
Tobacco:	\$ 71,967,000,	up	23 percent
Sweet Potatoes:	\$ 2,050,000,	down	7 percent

The **UNITED STATES** total value of principal crops grown was \$122 billion in 2006, up 15 percent from 2005. Within that total, Field and Miscellaneous Crops were up 20 percent, Commercial Vegetables were up 4 percent and Fruits and Nuts were up 2 percent.