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GRAIN STOCKS FOR CORN AND WHEAT DOWN FROM 2005

OLD CROP CORN stocks stored in off farm facilities in SOUTH CAROLINA totaled 722 thousand bushels as of September 1, 2006, down 13 percent from the 828 thousand bushels stored off the farm on September 1, 2005, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office. South Carolina **WHEAT** stocks stored off the farm totaled 2.11 million bushels on September 1, compared to 2.53 million bushels stored off the farm on September 1, 2005.

OLD CROP CORN stocks in all positions in the UNITED STATES on September 1, 2006 totaled 1.97 billion bushels, down 7 percent from September 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 750 million bushels are stored on farms, down 9 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.22 billion bushels, are down 6 percent from a year ago. **OLD CROP SOYBEANS** stored in all positions on September 1, 2006 totaled 449 million bushels, up 75 percent from September 1, 2005. This is the largest September 1 stocks level since 1986. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 176 million bushels, up 77 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks are up 75 percent from September 1, 2005, to 272 million bushels. **ALL WHEAT** stored in all positions on September 1, 2006 totaled 1.74 billion bushels, down 9 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 572 million bushels, down 21 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.17 billion bushels, are down 3 percent from a year ago.