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SOUTH DAKOTA: The first corn and soybean production forecast for 2006 is for smaller crops than last year. The decreases in forecasted production are a result of both fewer acres to be harvested and decreased yields from last year.

Corn production in 2006 is forecast at 385 million bushels, down 18 percent from last year's 470.1 million bushels. Yield, forecast at 100 bushels per acre, is down 19 bushels from last year's yield. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 3.85 million, are down 3 percent from last year's corn acres harvested.

The August 1 **soybean** production forecast is 108.75 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year's 138.6 million bushels. Estimated yield, at 29 bushels per acre, is down 7 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.75 million, are down 3 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production in 2006 is forecast at 3.36 million tons, down 35 percent from last year, and

slightly below the 3.38 million tons from the 2002 drought-reduced crop. Forecasted yield is 1.4 tons per acre, down 0.75 ton from last year. Acres for harvest, at 2.4 million, are unchanged from last year. The August forecast for **other hay** production, at 1.35 million tons, is down 44 percent from last year, and 6 percent below the 1.44 million tons in 2002. Forecasted yield is 0.9 ton per acre, down 0.6 ton from a year ago. Other hay harvested acreage, at 1.5 million, is down 6 percent from last year.

Oat production is forecast at 10.45 million bushels, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but down 19 percent from last year. The forecasted yield of 55 bushels is unchanged from the July 1 forecast, yet down 17 bushels from last year's yield. Acres harvested for grain are forecast at 190,000, up 10,000 acres from last year.

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CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1, 2006

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Unit of Production	Yield/Harvested Acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	2005	2006
----- 1,000 Acres -----									
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Wheat, Winter	1,550	1,350	1,490	1,100	Bu.	44.0	34.0	65,560	37,400
Wheat, Other Spring	1,750	1,950	1,690	1,850	Bu.	40.0	30.0	67,600	55,500
Corn, All	4,450	4,400	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn, Grain	---	---	3,950	3,850	Bu.	119.0	100.0	470,050	385,000
Barley	65	55	47	30	Bu.	49.0	38.0	2,303	1,140
Oats	380	390	180	190	Bu.	72.0	55.0	12,960	10,450
Soybeans	3,900	3,800	3,850	3,750	Bu.	36.0	29.0	138,600	108,750
Sorghum, All	180	200	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum, Grain	---	---	85	110	Bu.	52.0	40.0	4,420	4,400
Hay, All	---	---	4,000	3,900	Ton	1.89	1.21	7,560	4,710
Alfalfa	---	---	2,400	2,400	Ton	2.15	1.40	5,160	3,360
Other	---	---	1,600	1,500	Ton	1.50	0.90	2,400	1,350
Dry Edible Beans 1/	17.5	20.0	17.4	19.6	Lb.	1,730	1,600	301	314
----- 1,000 Acres -----									
UNITED STATES									
Wheat, Winter	40,433	41,393	33,794	31,108	Bu.	44.4	41.2	1,499,129	1,283,134
Wheat, Other Spring	14,036	14,595	13,609	14,154	Bu.	37.1	32.7	504,456	463,511
Corn, All	81,759	79,366	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn, Grain	---	---	75,107	72,091	Bu.	147.9	152.2	11,112,072	10,975,740
Barley	3,875	3,496	3,269	2,990	Bu.	64.8	61.2	211,896	182,972
Oats	4,246	4,312	1,823	1,907	Bu.	63.0	56.3	114,878	107,423
Soybeans	72,142	74,930	71,361	73,935	Bu.	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	2,927,634
Sorghum, All	6,454	6,282	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum, Grain	---	---	5,736	5,317	Bu.	68.7	55.8	393,893	296,453
Hay, All	---	---	61,649	62,697	Ton	2.44	2.27	150,590	142,326
Alfalfa	---	---	22,389	22,407	Ton	3.38	3.18	75,771	71,205
Other	---	---	39,260	40,290	Ton	1.91	1.77	74,819	71,121
Dry Edible Beans 1/	1,665.0	1,607.3	1,568.6	1,519.0	Lb.	1,744	1,534	27,350	23,301

1/ Production of dry edible beans is 1,000 cwt.

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Winter wheat production is forecast at 37.4 million bushels, down 6 percent from the July 1 forecast and 43 percent below last year's 65.56 million bushels. This compares to 20.1 million bushels produced in 2002. The August yield, at 34 bushels, is down 2 bushels from last month's forecast and down 10 bushels from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 55.5 million bushels, unchanged from the July 1 forecast but down 18 percent from last year. Yield, at 30 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last month's forecast, yet down 10 bushels from last year's yield.

Barley production is forecast at 1.14 million bushels, unchanged from last month but down 50 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast, yet down 11 bushels from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.4 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year. Expected yield, forecast at 1,600 pounds per acre, is down slightly from 1,730 pounds last year. Harvested acres, at 19,600, are up 13 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 152.2 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from last year. If realized, yield would be the second largest and production would be the third largest on record.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 5 percent from 2005. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, down 3.7 bushels from the record high U.S. yield set last year. Area for harvest, at 73.9 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2005.

Alfalfa production is forecast at 71.2 million tons, down 6 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.18 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton from 2005. **Other hay** production is forecast at 71.1 million tons, down 5 percent from 2005. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.77 tons, down 0.14 ton from last year. If realized, the yield would be the lowest since 1990.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up slightly from last month. Area harvested for grain totals 31.1 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 41.2 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from July 1.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 464 million bushels, 8 percent below 2005. Area harvested for grain totals 14.2 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 32.7 bushels per acre, down 4.4 bushels from 2005.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 23.3 million cwt. in 2006, down 15 percent from last year but 31 percent above two years ago.

FARM LABOR

UNITED STATES: There were 1,202,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, down 11 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.74 per hour during the July 2006 reference week, up 36 cents from a year earlier.

NORTHERN PLAINS (SD, ND, NE, KS): During the week of July 9-15, 2006, there were an estimated 41,000 hired farm workers, down 4,000 from July 2005, but up 14,000 workers from April 2006. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$9.60 per hour during the July 2006 survey week, up 55 cents from a year ago but down 24 cents from April 2006.

**WAGE RATES FOR HIRED WORKERS, SELECTED REGIONS,
APRIL 9-15, 2006 AND JULY 9-15, 2006 1/**

Region 2/	Type of Worker							
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock		All Hired Workers	
	April	July	April	July	April	July	April	July
	----- Dollars per Hour -----							
Lake	9.32	9.37	9.94	9.72	9.63	9.50	10.30	10.22
Cornbelt II	8.45	9.85	10.38	10.15	9.46	10.00	10.12	10.40
Northern Plains	9.67	8.94	8.64	9.92	9.25	9.28	9.84	9.60
Mountain I	9.20	8.41	8.57	9.06	8.81	8.74	9.22	9.14
United States 3/	* 8.95	8.95	* 9.31	9.56	* 9.06	9.10	* 9.78	9.74

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers. 2/ Lake: MI, MN, WI; Cornbelt II: IA, MO; Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD; Mountain 1: ID, MT, WY.

3/ Excludes AK. * Revised.

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in July, at 117 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was unchanged from June. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.4 percent) while the Livestock Index was unchanged. Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, broilers, asparagus, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for grapes, cantaloupes, hogs, and broccoli. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of grapes, wheat, tomatoes, and hay offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupes, potatoes, and asparagus.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.9 percent) from July 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 118, decreased 1 point (0.8 percent) from last month but was unchanged from July 2005.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All Farm Products	% 116	* 117	117
All Crops	% 115	126	123
Food Grains	% 107	* 134	137
Feed Grains & Hay	% 105	* 109	111
Oil Bearing Crops	% 119	* 101	100
All Livestock & Products	% 117	110	110
Meat Animals	% 115	116	116
Dairy Products	% 113	* 91	91
Poultry & Eggs	% 126	116	116
Prices Paid Index	% 141	147	148
Ratio 1/	% 82	80	79
Crop Sector	% 144	152	152
Livestock Sector	% 137	142	143

* Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit	South Dakota			United States			Parity Price July 2006
	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	
	1/	1/	2/	1/	1/	2/	
-----Dollars-----							
All Wheat Bu.	3.25	4.09	4.64	3.20	4.01	4.09	10.50
Winter Bu.	3.06	3.96	4.38	3.15	3.99	4.03	---
Durum Bu.	5/	5/	5/	3.72	3.81	3.85	---
Other Spring Bu.	3.57	4.17	4.80	3.45	4.18	4.63	---
Corn Bu.	1.91	1.95	1.99	2.11	2.14	2.20	7.83
Oats Bu.	1.53	1.72	1.78	1.59	1.93	1.89	4.35
Soybeans Bu.	6.36	5.38	5.30	6.65	5.61	5.60	17.30
All Barley Bu.	2.06	5/	5/	2.37	2.78	2.46	7.32
Feed Bu.	5/	5/	5/	1.88	2.08	2.01	---
Malt Bu.	2.06	5/	5/	2.66	3.05	2.75	---
Sunflower Cwt.	14.80	10.90	11.50	15.20	11.70	12.20	33.00
Flaxseed Bu.	5/	5/	5/	10.40	5.40	5.25	15.60
Sorghum Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	3.94	3.95	4.43	12.10
All Hay Ton	61.00	65.00	69.00	99.70	109.00	107.00	---
Alfalfa Ton	62.00	66.00	70.00	109.00	115.00	113.00	---
Other Ton	45.00	56.00	56.00	75.90	90.10	89.30	---
Milk, wholesale Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	14.80	11.90	11.90	38.80
Eggs, market Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.329	0.370	0.248	1.79
Cattle 4/ Cwt.	80.30	81.90	82.50	85.00	84.20	86.10	194.00
Steers & heifers Cwt.	88.50	92.00	93.70	88.20	88.50	90.40	---
Cows Cwt.	55.70	47.90	49.00	53.80	46.70	47.00	---
Calves Cwt.	129.00	130.00	128.00	133.00	133.00	136.00	270.00
All Hogs Cwt.	49.60	52.70	48.40	49.80	53.80	49.40	118.00
Barrows & gilts Cwt.	51.90	55.90	51.50	50.40	54.70	50.30	---
Sows Cwt.	36.80	33.00	31.00	37.60	33.10	32.40	---
Sheep Cwt.	39.60	24.70	5/	41.00	28.60	5/	96.20
Lambs Cwt.	128.00	105.00	5/	110.00	92.00	5/	234.00

1/ Full month except hay, which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ No price available.

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CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 165,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on August 1. This is up 22,000 head from a year earlier but down 15,000 head from a month earlier.

Placements during July totaled 24,000 head, up 9,000 head from last year but down 5,000 head from June 2006.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 38,000 head, up 8,000 head from last year but down 3,000 head from June 2006.

Other disappearance during July totaled 1,000 head, down 2,000 head from both last year and June 2006.

UNITED STATES: **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with

capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2005 and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the second highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.91 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000, 600-699 pounds were 403,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004.

Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, AUGUST 1, 2005 & 2006

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	--- 1,000 Head ---		Percent	--- 1,000 Head ---		Percent
On feed, July 1	161	180	112	10,394	10,872	105
Placed on feed during July	15	24	160	1,678	1,963	117
Fed cattle marketed during July	30	38	127	1,918	1,955	102
Other disappearance during July 1/	3	1	33	61	58	95
On feed, August 1	143	165	115	10,093	10,822	107

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

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