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SOUTH DAKOTA: The October 1 **corn** production is forecast at 378 million bushels, yield is forecast at 105 bushels, and acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.6 million, all unchanged from the previous forecast.

Soybean production is forecast at 128.7 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month. Yield, at 33 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from the previous forecast. Acres for harvest are forecast at 3.9 million, up 4 percent from the previous forecast.

All sunflower production is forecast at 480 million pounds, down 45 percent from last year. The estimated yield, at 1,000 pounds per acre, is down 40 percent from last year. Harvested acres, at 480,000, are down 9 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay, with a forecasted production of 3.84 million tons, yielded 1.6 tons per acre from 2.4 million acres harvested. This is slightly above the 3.4 million tons produced in 2002, but down 26 percent from last year's production. **Other hay**, with a forecasted production of 1.65 million tons, has a yield of 1.1 tons per acre from 1.5 million acres harvested.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month. Yields are expected to average 153.5 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from September. If realized, the yield would be the second largest on record, behind 2004. Total corn planted acres were 78.6

million, down 1 percent from June. Area harvested, and to be harvested for grain, at 71.0 million acres, is down 1 percent from September.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.19 billion bushels, up 3 percent from September. If realized, this would be the highest production on record. Yields are expected to average 42.8 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from September but down 0.2 bushel from last year's record high yield. Soybean planted area totaled 75.6 million acres, up 1 percent from June. Expected area for harvest, at 74.5 million acres, is up 1 percent from September.

Sunflower production is forecast at 2.11 billion pounds, down 47 percent from 2005. Area planted, at 1.98 million acres, is up 4 percent from June. Sunflower farmers expect to harvest 1.86 million acres, up 4 percent from June. The October yield forecast, at 1,134 pounds, is 406 pounds less than the 2005 yield.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 74.5 million tons, up 5 percent from the August forecast. Yields are expected to average 3.33 tons per acre, up 0.15 ton from August. Harvested area is forecast at 22.4 million acres, unchanged from August. **Other hay** production is forecast at 72.5 million tons, up 2 percent from August. Yields are expected to average 1.80 tons, up 0.03 ton from August. Harvested area, at 40.3 million acres, is unchanged from August.

CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 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									
Corn, All	4,450	4,500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn, Grain	---	---	3,950	3,600	Bu.	119.0	105.0	470,050	378,000
Soybeans	3,900	3,950	3,850	3,900	Bu.	35.0	33.0	134,750	128,700
Sorghum, All	180	200	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum, Grain	---	---	85	100	Bu.	52.0	40.0	4,420	4,000
Sunflower, All	550	535	530	480	Lb.	1,655	1,000	876,950	480,000
Hay, Alfalfa	---	---	2,400	2,400	Ton	2.15	1.60	5,160	3,840
Hay, Other	---	---	1,600	1,500	Ton	1.50	1.10	2,400	1,650
Dry Edible Beans 1/	17.5	21.5	17.4	17.0	Lb.	1,730	1,600	301	272
UNITED STATES									
Corn, All	81,759	78,561	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn, Grain	---	---	75,107	71,047	Bu.	147.9	153.5	11,112,072	10,905,194
Soybeans	72,032	75,565	71,251	74,505	Bu.	43.0	42.8	3,063,237	3,188,576
Sorghum, All	6,454	6,319	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum, Grain	---	---	5,736	5,319	Bu.	68.7	56.6	393,893	301,217
Sunflower, All	2,709	1,984	2,610	1,864	Lb.	1,540	1,134	4,018,355	2,113,625
Hay, Alfalfa	---	---	22,389	22,407	Ton	3.38	3.33	75,771	74,527
Hay, Other	---	---	39,260	40,290	Ton	1.91	1.80	74,819	72,511
Dry Edible Beans 1/	1,665.0	1,648.8	1,568.6	1,562.4	Lb.	1,744	1,523	27,350	23,800

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

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SMALL GRAIN SUMMARY

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 2006 all wheat production is down 37 percent from 2005 due to a decrease in harvested acres and lower yields resulting from drought conditions across much of the state. All small grain yields were down from last year.

All wheat production in 2006, at 84.09 million bushels, is down 37 percent from last year. The all wheat yield of 32.6 bushels is down 9.2 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 2.576 million, are 19 percent below last year. Planted acres, at 3.31 million, are down just 5,000 acres from last year.

Winter wheat production this year, at 41.4 million bushels, is down 37 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 36 bushels per acre, is 8 bushels below last year. Harvested acres, at 1.15 million, are 23 percent below the 2005 level. Planted acres, at 1.45 million, are down 6 percent from last year.

Other spring wheat production, at 42.6 million bushels, is down 37 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 30 bushels per acre, is down 10 bushels from last year. Producers harvested 1.42 million acres, down 16 percent from 2005. Planted acres, at 1.85 million, are up 6 percent from last year. This is the most acres of other spring wheat planted since 1998, in which 1.9 million acres were planted.

Durum wheat production, at 90,000 bushels, is 65 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 15 bushels per acre, is down 5 bushels from last year. Planted acres totalled 10,000, with 6,000 acres harvested for grain.

Oat production in 2006, at 5.415 million bushels, is 58 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 57 bushels per acre, is down 15 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 95,000, are down 47 percent from 2005. Planted acres, at 380,000, are unchanged from last year.

Barley production totalled 560,000 bushels, 76 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 40 bushels per acre, is down 9 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 14,000, are down 70 percent from 2005. Planted acres, at 55,000, are down 15 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: All wheat production totals 1.81 billion bushels in 2006, up 1 percent from the last forecast but 14 percent below 2005. Grain area is 46.8

million acres, down 7 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 38.7 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from August but down 3.3 bushels from last year.

The 2006 **winter wheat** production is estimated at 1.30 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast but down 13 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 41.7 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from August but down 2.7 bushels from last year's final yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 31.1 million acres, virtually unchanged from the last forecast but down 8 percent from the previous year.

Other spring wheat production for 2006 is estimated at 460 million bushels, down 1 percent from the last forecast and down 9 percent from last year. Harvested area is 13.9 million acres, down 2 percent from August but up 2 percent from 2005. The U.S. yield is 33.2 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel above the August forecast but down 3.9 bushels from last year.

Durum wheat production for 2006 totals 53.5 million bushels, down 2 percent from August 1 and down 47 percent from the previous year. Grain area harvested is 1.82 million acres, down 1 percent from August and down 33 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest harvested area since 1961 and the lowest production since 1988. The U.S. yield is estimated at 29.5 bushels, down 0.5 bushel from August and down 7.7 bushels from 2005.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 93.8 million bushels, 13 percent below the August 1 forecast and 18 percent below last year's 115 million bushels. The estimated yield is 59.5 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from August but down 3.5 bushels from a year ago. Harvested area is a record low 1.58 million acres, 17 percent below the August 1 forecast and 14 percent below last year.

Barley production is estimated at 180 million bushels, down 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 15 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 61.0 bushels, is down 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast and 3.8 bushels below 2005. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 2.95 million acres, down 1 percent from August and 10 percent below a year ago. Area harvested for grain is the lowest since 1885, while production is the lowest since 1936.

SMALL GRAIN SUMMARY (continued)

SMALL GRAIN SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES, 2005 & 2006

Crop	Area Planted		Area for Harvest		Yield/Harvested Acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	----- Thousand Acres -----				---- Bushels ----		- Thousand Bushels -	
SOUTH DAKOTA								
Wheat, All	3,315	3,310	3,193	2,576	41.8	32.6	133,420	84,090
Winter 1/	1,550	1,450	1,490	1,150	44.0	36.0	65,560	41,400
Durum	15	10	13	6	20.0	15.0	260	90
Other Spring	1,750	1,850	1,690	1,420	40.0	30.0	67,600	42,600
Barley	65	55	47	14	49.0	40.0	2,303	560
Oats	380	380	180	95	72.0	57.0	12,960	5,415
UNITED STATES								
Wheat, All	57,229	57,344	50,119	46,810	42.0	38.7	2,104,690	1,812,036
Winter 1/	40,433	40,575	33,794	31,117	44.4	41.7	1,499,129	1,298,081
Durum	2,760	1,870	2,716	1,815	37.2	29.5	101,105	53,475
Other Spring	14,036	14,899	13,609	13,878	37.1	33.2	504,456	460,480
Barley	3,875	3,452	3,269	2,951	64.8	61.0	211,896	180,051
Oats	4,246	4,168	1,823	1,576	63.0	59.5	114,878	93,764

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The average number of layers on hand during September 2006 was 3,244,000, down 27,000 from August 2006. The number of eggs produced during the month totaled 70 million, down 3 million from August 2006.

UNITED STATES: U.S. egg production totaled 7.42 billion during September 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.38 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 977 million were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2006 averaged

343 million, up slightly from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up slightly from September 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2006, totaled 343 million, up slightly from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.65 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2006, averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from October 1, 2005.

MONTHLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand			Eggs per 100 Layers			Total Eggs Produced		
	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
	----- Thousands -----			----- Number -----			----- Millions -----		
Iowa	50,823	50,466	51,155	2,357	2,350	2,178	1,198	1,186	1,114
Minnesota	10,934	10,723	10,838	2,232	2,229	2,178	244	239	236
Nebraska	11,740	11,649	11,556	2,232	2,309	2,241	262	269	259
South Dakota	3,278	3,271	3,244	2,227	2,232	2,158	73	73	70
United States	340,743	341,007	342,606	2,241	2,239	2,165	7,636	7,635	7,419

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	August 31, 2005	July 31, 2006	August 31, 2006	August 2006 as % of	
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			August 2005	July 2006
				----- Percent -----	
Butter	148,878	228,395	184,506	124	81
Cheese, total natural	812,927	892,645	851,119	105	95
Eggs, frozen	19,938	23,596	21,246	107	90
Fruits, frozen	1,060,239	1,057,400	1,048,320	99	99
Fruit juices, frozen	1,647,184	1,271,618	1,135,279	69	89
Meat, total red	848,894	898,574	886,916	104	99
Beef, total frozen	410,592	466,039	464,532	113	100
Pork, total frozen	414,468	413,454	404,892	98	98
Poultry, total frozen	1,231,270	1,247,584	1,222,390	99	98
Chicken	705,528	727,855	714,556	101	98
Turkey	523,120	512,223	500,546	96	98
Vegetables, total frozen	2,004,332	1,652,162	2,067,915	103	125
Potatoes, total frozen	1,121,331	996,405	967,090	86	97

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			August 2006 as % of		January-August 2/		
		August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	August 2005	July 2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
		--- Percent ---					- Mil. Lbs. Liveweight - Percent		
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	405.8	325.0	347.6	86	107	786.4	759.4	97
Sheep	1,000 Head	0.9	0.8	1.6	178	200	0.877	1.116	127
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	83.0	70.2	75.1	91	107	633.4	620.7	98
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,992.5	2,834.3	3,133.6	105	111	26,880.3	28,624.2	106
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,994.2	7,884.8	9,094.2	101	115	18,035.1	18,336.7	102
Sheep	1,000 Head	229.2	202.1	227.0	99	112	246.3	248.9	101
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	4,100.4	3,782.0	4,244.7	104	112	29,959.1	31,295.5	104

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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