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WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

SIOUX FALLS, JUNE 9, 2006 – The South Dakota June 1 winter wheat production forecast is 47.5 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year's 65.6 million bushels, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Dry conditions in many areas of South Dakota are contributing to this year's smaller crop forecast.

The winter wheat yield for 2006 is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year, and down 7 bushels from the previous forecast on May 1. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,250,000 acres, down 240,000 acres from 2005. Planted acreage, at 1,350,000 acres, is down 13 percent (200,000 acres) from last year.

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