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JULY 1 WINTER WHEAT YIELD DOWN FROM JUNE

SIoux FALLS, JULY 12, 2006 - The South Dakota July 1 **winter wheat** production is forecast at 39.6 million bushels, down 17 percent from the June 1 forecast. The yield, at 36 bushels, is down 2 bushels from the June 1 forecast and down 8 bushels from last year. Harvested area, at 1,100,000 acres, is down 150,000 from the June 1 forecast and down 390,000 acres from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 55.5 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2005. The yield, forecast at 30 bushels per acre, is down 10 bushels from last year's yield. Acres intended for harvest, at 1.85 million, are up 9 percent from last year.

Oat production, at 10.45 million bushels, is down 19 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 55 bushels, down 17 bushels from last year's yield. Acres harvested for grain are forecast at 190,000, up 10,000 acres from 2005.

Barley production is forecast at 1.14 million bushels, down 50 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year. Acres intended for harvest, at 30,000, are down 17,000 acres from last year.

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