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FORECASTED YIELD FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS INCREASE FROM LAST MONTH

SIOUX FALLS, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 - South Dakota's September 1 **corn** production is forecast at 378 million bushels, down 2 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year's level, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield, forecast at 105 bushels per acre, is up 5 bushels from the August forecast but down 14 bushels from last year's yield. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 3.6 million, are down 250,000 acres (6 percent) from last month and 9 percent from last year's corn acres harvested.

South Dakota's September 1 **soybean** production forecast is 127.5 million bushels, up 17 percent from last month's forecast but down 8 percent from last year's level. Estimated yield, at 34 bushels per acre, is up 5 bushels from last month but down 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 3.75 million, are down 3 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 4.4 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast but down 20 thousand bushels from 2005. Expected yield, at 40 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last month but is 12 bushels below last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, at 110,000, are up 29 percent from last year.

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