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## **FORECASTED PRODUCTION FOR ROW CROPS BELOW LAST YEAR**

**SIoux FALLS, OCTOBER 12, 2006** - South Dakota's October 1 **corn** production is forecast at 378 million bushels, unchanged from last month but down 20 percent from last year's level according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is forecast at 105 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast but down 14 bushels from last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.6 million, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 9 percent from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 128.7 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 4 percent below last year. Yield, at 33 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from the previous forecast and down 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest were adjusted and now are forecast at 3.9 million, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 1 percent from last year.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 4 million bushels, down 9 percent from last month and 10 percent below last year's level. Yield, at 40 bushels per acre, is unchanged from last month but 12 bushels below last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 100,000, are up 18 percent from last year.

**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 655 pounds (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.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 272,000 cwt. for 2006, down 10 percent from last year. Producers plan to harvest 17,000 acres, with a forecasted yield of 1,600 pounds per acre.

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