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SOUTH DAKOTA'S CORN AND SOYBEAN ACREAGE DOWN SLIGHTLY

SIoux FALLS, June 30, 2006 -- **Corn** planted acres in South Dakota for 2006 total 4.40 million, down 1 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres for grain are forecasted at 3.85 million, down 3 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were used on 86 percent of acres planted, compared to 83 percent a year ago. Nationally, only 61 percent of the acreage was seeded with biotechnology varieties in 2006, up from 52 percent last year.

Soybean planted acres in South Dakota for 2006 total 3.80 million, down 3 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were planted on 93 percent of the soybean acres in South Dakota, down 2 percent from last year. In the United States 89 percent of the soybean acreage was seeded with biotechnology seed, up from 87 percent last year.

Winter wheat acreage seeded last fall totaled 1.35 million, down 13 percent from the 2005 crop. Acres intended for harvest, based on June 1 conditions, are expected to be 1.1 million, down 12 percent from the May 1 estimate. This forecasted harvested acreage, at 1.1 million, is down 26 percent from last year's harvested acreage of 1.49 million.

Other spring wheat plantings totaled 1.95 million acres, up 11 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** plantings, at 15,000 acres, are unchanged from last year.

All sunflower acres, at 490,000 planted, are down 11 percent from 2005 acreage levels. **Oil sunflower** account for 450,000 acres, down 10 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** acres planted at 40,000, are down 20 percent from last year.

Oats, at 390,000 acres planted, are up 3 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 190,000 acres for grain, up 6 percent from 2005. **Sorghum**, at 200,000 acres planted, is up 11 percent from last year. **Proso millet** seedings totaled 140,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Barley planted acreage totaled 55,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year. **Flaxseed** plantings, at 20,000 acres, are down 20 percent from 2005.

All hay harvested acres are expected to total 3.9 million, down 2 percent from last year. **Alfalfa hay** is expected to be harvested from 2.4 million acres, unchanged from last year. **Other hay** is expected to be harvested from 1.5 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. While acres of grass and wild hay will be reduced this year because of dry conditions, more small grain hay will be harvested to offset this shortage.

This report is based on a statewide survey of producers conducted between May 27th and June 15th, and reflects acreage as of June 1. Updated harvested acreage and forecasted yields will be published during the growing season.

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