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## ***SOUTH DAKOTA SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION DOWN***

**SIoux FALLS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006** - South Dakota's 2006 all wheat production is down 37 percent from 2005 due to a decrease in harvested acres and lower yields resulting from drought conditions across much of the state. All small grain yields were down from last year. This is according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**All wheat** production in 2006, at 84.09 million bushels, is down 37 percent from last year. The all wheat yield of 32.6 bushels is down 9.2 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 2.576 million, are 19 percent below last year. Planted acres, at 3.31 million, are down just 5,000 acres from last year.

**Winter wheat** production this year, at 41.4 million bushels, is down 37 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 36 bushels per acre, is 8 bushels below last year. Harvested acres, at 1.15 million, are 23 percent below the 2005 level. Planted acres, at 1.45 million, are down 6 percent from last year.

**Other spring wheat** production, at 42.6 million bushels, is down 37 percent from last year's production. Yield, at 30 bushels per acre, is down 10 bushels from last year. Producers harvested 1.42 million acres, down 16 percent from 2005. Planted acres, at 1.85 million, are up 6 percent from last year. This is the most acres of other spring wheat planted since 1998, in which 1.9 million acres were planted.

**Durum wheat** production, at 90,000 bushels, is 65 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 15 bushels per acres, is down 5 bushels from last year. Planted acres totalled 10,000, with 6,000 acres harvested for grain.

**Oat** production in 2006, at 5.415 million bushels, is 58 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 57 bushels per acre, is down 15 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 95,000, are down 47 percent from 2005. Planted acres, at 380,000, are unchanged from last year.

**Barley** production totalled 560,000 bushels, 76 percent below last year's production. Yield, at 40 bushels per acres, is down 9 bushels from last year. Harvested acres, at 14,000, are down 70 percent from 2005. Planted acres, at 55,000, are down 15 percent from last year.

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