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RECORD WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST

SIoux FALLS, MAY 11, 2007 – The South Dakota May 1, 2007, winter wheat production forecast is 79.2 million bushels, up 91 percent from last year's 41.1 million bushels, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The winter wheat yield for 2007 is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 8 bushel from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,800,000 acres, up 650,000 acres from 2006. If realized, the 1.8 million acres to be harvested would equal the current record high acres from 1986. Planted acreage, at 1,900,000 acres, is up 31 percent (450,000 acres) from last year.

May 1, 2007 on-farm hay stocks, at 1.15 million tons, are down 46 percent from May 2006, and are at a level similar to that in May of 2003. Drought reduced production for 2006 is the biggest factor contributing to this low level of stocks. Hay disappearance from December 1, 2006 to May 1, 2007 was 3.97 million tons, down 31 percent from last year.

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