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SOUTH DAKOTA'S CORN ACREAGE UP

SIoux FALLS, June 29, 2007 -- Corn planted acres in South Dakota for 2007 total 5.0 million, up 11 percent from last year, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). This is the largest number of acres planted to corn since 1932. Acres for grain are forecasted at 4.45 million, up 38 percent from last year's drought reduced crop. Biotechnology varieties were used on 93 percent of acres planted, compared to 86 percent a year ago. Nationally, 73 percent of the acreage was seeded with biotechnology varieties in 2007, up from 61 percent last year.

Soybean planted acres in South Dakota for 2007 total 3.30 million, down 16 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were planted on 97 percent of the soybean acres in South Dakota, up 4 percent from last year. In the United States 91 percent of the soybean acreage was seeded with biotechnology seed, up from 89 percent last year.

Winter wheat acreage seeded last fall totaled 1.9 million, up 31 percent from the 2006 crop. Acres intended for harvest, based on June 1 conditions, are expected to be 1.8 million, unchanged from the May 1 estimate. This up 57 percent from last year's harvested acreage of 1.15 million.

Other spring wheat plantings totaled 1.4 million acres, down 24 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** plantings, at 10,000 acres, are unchanged from last year.

All sunflower acres, at 395,000 planted, are down 25 percent from 2006 acreage levels. **Oil sunflower** account for 360,000 acres, down 26 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** acres planted, at 35,000, are down 22 percent from last year.

Oats, at 400,000 acres planted, are up 5 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 190,000 acres for grain, twice the acres harvested in 2006. **Sorghum**, at 270,000 acres planted, is up 23 percent from last year. **Proso millet** seedings totaled 170,000 acres, up 10 percent from last year.

Barley planted acreage totaled 50,000 acres, down 9 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest number of acres planted to barley since records began in 1924. **Flaxseed** plantings, at 10,000 acres, are down 50 percent from 2006. If realized, this would match the record low acreage.

All hay harvested acres are expected to total 3.6 million, up 16 percent from last year. **Alfalfa hay** is expected to be harvested from 2.1 million acres, up 17 percent from last year. **Other hay** is expected to be harvested from 1.5 million acres, up 15 percent from last year.

This report is based on a statewide survey of producers conducted between May 28th and June 14th, and reflects acreage as of June 1. Updated harvested acreage and forecasted yields will be published during the growing season.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Acre/2000s/2007/Acre-06-29-2007.pdf>