

CROPS

GENERAL

Corn grain yields were up from normal due to favorable growing conditions, while silage yields were normal. Alfalfa hay yields were up slightly above normal, but all other hay yields were down slightly. Soybean yields were normal, while wheat yields were above normal.

ALL HAY

All hay harvested area in 2006 totaled 590,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from 2005. The average yield in 2006 was 1.77 tons per acre compared to 1.86 tons per acre in 2005. Production totaled 1.046 million tons, down from 1.070 million tons in 2005. Value of production totaled \$67.8 million, slightly below the revised \$67.9 million in 2005. Price per ton averaged \$65.00, compared to \$63.50 for 2005.

ALFALFA & ALFALFA MIXTURES

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 35,000 acres in 2006, unchanged from 2005. Yields in 2006 averaged 2.9 tons per acre, up 0.1 of a ton from 2005. Production totaled 102,000 tons, up 4,000 tons from 2005. Value of production totaled \$11.1 million, up 5 percent from 2005. Average price per ton was \$109.00, up \$1.00 from the revised average price for 2005. New seedings of alfalfa in 2006 were estimated at 4,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2005 seedings.

OTHER HAY

All other hay area harvested totaled 555,000 acres in 2006, up 15,000 acres from 2005. Yields averaged 1.7 tons per acre, down 0.1 of a ton from 2005. Production totaled 944,000 tons, down 28,000 tons from 2005. Value of production totaled \$56.6 million, down 1 percent from the revised value for 2005. Price per ton averaged \$60.00, up \$1.00 from the revised average in 2005.

CORN

Area planted to corn for all purposes in 2006 totaled 45,000 acres, unchanged from 2005. Harvested area for grain totaled 26,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2005. The average yield of 120.0 bushels per acre was up 11 bushels from the previous year. Production was 3.12 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2005. Value of production totaled \$10.8 million, up 63 percent from the revised value for 2005. Average price per bushel was \$3.45, up \$1.28 from the revised average for 2005. Corn for silage area harvested was 18,000 acres in 2006, up 2,000 acres from 2005. Yields averaged 17.0 tons per acre which was up 1.5 tons from the previous year's yield. Silage production was estimated at 306,000 tons, up 23 percent from 2005.

SOYBEANS

Area planted to soybeans totaled 17,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2005. Area harvested for beans totaled 16,000 acres, also down 1,000 acres from 2005. The yield for soybeans in 2006 averaged 42.0 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from 2005. Production was estimated at 672,000 bushels, up 13 percent from 2005. Value of production totaled \$4.1 million, up 24 percent from the revised value for 2005. Price per bushel averaged \$6.05, up \$0.56 from the revised average for 2005.

WHEAT

Wheat planted acres totaled 8,000 in 2006, up 1,000 acres from 2005. Area harvested for grain totaled 6,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2005. The average yield for 2006 was estimated to be 61.0 bushels per acre. This was up 1 bushel from the previous year. Production was estimated at 366,000 bushels, up 22 percent, or 66,000 bushels from 2005. Value of production totaled \$1.2 million, up 35 percent from the revised value for 2005. Price per bushel averaged \$3.40, up \$0.33 from the revised average for 2005.