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Dear Producers and Data Users:

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Stocks of Grain and Hay

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2004, in Nebraska totaled 1.12 billion bushels, up 16 percent from last year and the largest total since 1987. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 45.4 million bushels, down 23 percent from a year ago. **Soybean** stocks totaled 161 million bushels, up 20 percent from last year and the largest since 2001. **Sorghum** stocks totaled 29.6 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. **Hay** stocks on Nebraska farms totaled 4.2 million tons, down 20 percent from last year.

United States **corn** stocks in all positions on December 1, 2004 totaled 9.45 billion bushels, up 19 percent from December 1, 2003. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 1.43 billion bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. **Soybean** stocks totaled a record high 2.30 billion bushels, up 36 percent from December 1, 2003. **Sorghum** stocks totaled 282 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. **Hay** stocks stored on farms totaled 114.3 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Grain and Hay Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2002-2004

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Dec 1, 2002	Dec 1, 2003	Dec 1, 2004	2004 2003	Dec 1, 2002	Dec 1, 2003	Dec 1, 2004	2004 2003
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				<i>Percent</i>			
Corn								
On Farms	530,000	650,000	760,000	117	4,800,000	5,286,000	6,144,000	116
Off Farms ¹	325,944	317,438	361,124	114	2,837,971	2,667,775	3,304,798	124
Total All Positions	855,944	967,438	1,121,124	116	7,637,971	7,953,775	9,448,798	119
All Wheat								
On Farms	8,700	14,500	7,100	49	384,800	491,925	531,020	108
Off Farms ¹	43,603	44,839	38,301	85	935,069	1,028,359	899,718	87
Total All Positions	52,303	59,339	45,401	77	1,319,869	1,520,284	1,430,738	94
Soybeans								
On Farms	56,000	42,000	66,000	157	1,172,000	820,000	1,300,000	159
Off Farms ¹	84,827	92,167	94,935	103	943,373	868,653	1,004,880	116
Total All Positions	140,827	134,167	160,935	120	2,115,373	1,688,653	2,304,880	136
Sorghum								
On Farms	6,700	9,000	8,500	94	53,600	45,200	78,700	174
Off Farms ¹	18,461	23,418	21,096	90	178,252	190,736	203,182	107
Total All Positions	25,161	32,418	29,596	91	231,852	235,936	281,882	119
Oats								
On Farms	1,300	2,000	1,400	70	52,500	64,400	60,400	94
Off Farms ¹	*	*	*	*	51,284	54,900	44,563	81
Total All Positions	*	*	*	*	103,784	119,300	104,963	88
All Hay		<i>1,000 tons</i>				<i>1,000 tons</i>		
On Farms	3,278	5,244	4,175	80	102,978	111,027	114,294	103

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 12, 2005. USDA NASS Crop Production, January 12, 2005.

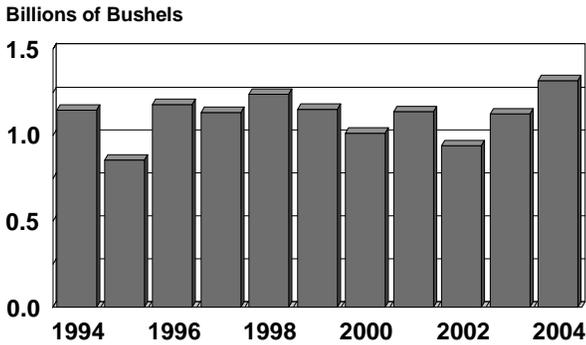
**Crop Summary: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production,
Nebraska and United States, 2002-2004**

Classification	Nebraska					United States			
	2002	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>		2002	2003	2004	<u>2004</u> <u>2003</u>
	<i>Percent</i>					<i>Percent</i>			
Corn for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	7,350	7,700	7,950	103	69,330	70,944	73,632	104
Yield	Bushels	128.0	146.0	*166.0	114	129.3	142.2	160.4	113
Production	1,000 Bushels	940,800	1,124,200	1,319,700	117	8,966,787	10,089,222	11,807,217	117
Corn for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	450	300	230	77	7,122	6,583	6,103	93
Yield	Tons	10.5	13.0	16.5	127	14.4	16.3	17.6	108
Production	1,000 Tons	4,725	3,900	3,795	97	102,293	107,378	107,336	100
Sorghum for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	320	500	415	83	7,125	7,798	6,517	84
Yield	Bushels	50.0	62.0	81.0	131	50.6	52.7	69.8	132
Production	1,000 Bushels	16,000	31,000	33,615	108	360,713	411,237	454,899	111
Sorghum for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	25	35	25	71	408	343	352	103
Yield	Tons	7.5	9.5	9.0	95	9.6	10.4	13.5	130
Production	1,000 Tons	188	333	225	68	3,913	3,552	4,763	134
Soybeans for Beans									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	4,580	4,500	4,750	106	72,497	72,476	73,958	102
Yield	Bushels	38.5	40.5	46.5	115	38.0	33.9	42.5	125
Production	1,000 Bushels	176,330	182,250	220,875	121	2,756,147	2,453,665	3,140,996	128
All Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	3,050	3,150	2,800	89	63,942	63,383	61,916	98
Yield	Tons	1.89	2.41	2.19	91	2.34	2.49	2.55	102
Production	1,000 Tons	5,750	7,600	6,143	81	149,467	157,585	157,774	100
Alfalfa Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,350	1,450	1,250	86	22,923	23,529	21,707	92
Yield	Tons	3.00	3.60	3.55	99	3.19	3.24	3.47	107
Production	1,000 Tons	4,050	5,220	4,438	85	73,014	76,273	75,383	99
All Other Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,700	1,700	1,550	91	41,019	39,854	40,209	101
Yield	Tons	1.00	1.40	1.10	79	1.86	2.04	2.05	100
Production	1,000 Tons	1,700	2,380	1,705	72	76,453	81,312	82,391	101
Proso Millet									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	100	170	135	79	275	620	595	96
Yield	Bushels	12.0	19.0	25.0	132	13.3	18.5	25.3	137
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,200	3,230	3,375	104	3,668	11,450	15,065	132
Potatoes, All									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	21.8	23.2	21.6	93	1,265.9	1,248.6	1,168.1	94
Yield	Cwt.	395	420	*430	102	362	367	391	107
Production	1,000 Cwt.	8,611	9,744	9,288	95	458,171	457,814	456,362	100
Beans, Dry Edible									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	165.0	148.0	110.0	74	1,738.9	1,346.9	1,219.3	91
Yield	Pounds	2,100	2,130	*2,160	101	1,743	1,670	1,460	87
Production	1,000 Cwt.	3,465	3,151	2,376	75	30,312	22,492	17,799	79
Sugar Beets									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	42.0	42.4	47.5	112	1,360.7	1,347.8	1,306.7	97
Yield	Tons	18.1	20.3	22.1	109	20.4	22.8	22.9	100
Production	1,000 Tons	760	861	1,050	122	27,707	30,710	29,932	97
Sunflowers									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	41	62	53	85	2,167	2,197	1,711	78
Yield	Lbs.	627	934	984	105	1,131	1,213	1,197	99
Production	1,000 Lbs.	25,700	57,900	52,150	90	2,451,247	2,665,226	2,047,863	77
Sunflowers - Oil									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	30	48	35	73	1,806	1,874	1,424	76
Yield	Lbs.	600	900	950	106	1,144	1,206	1,237	103
Production	1,000 Lbs.	18,000	43,200	33,250	77	2,065,899	2,259,666	1,761,628	78
Sunflowers - Non-Oil									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	11	14	18	129	361	323	287	89
Yield	Lbs.	700	1,050	1,050	100	1,067	1,256	997	79
Production	1,000 Lbs.	7,700	14,700	18,900	129	385,348	405,560	286,235	71

* Record high.

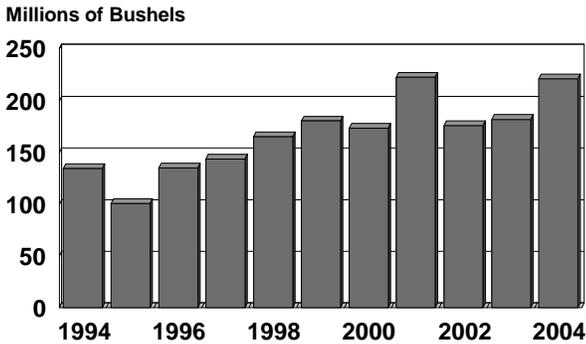
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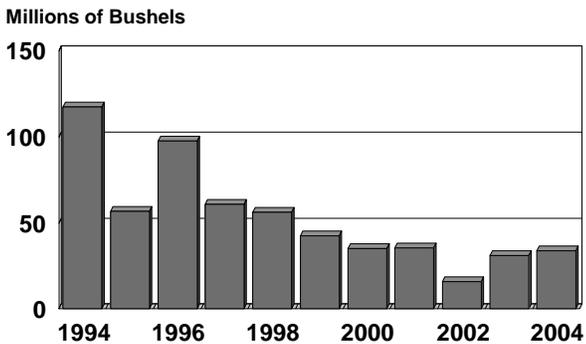
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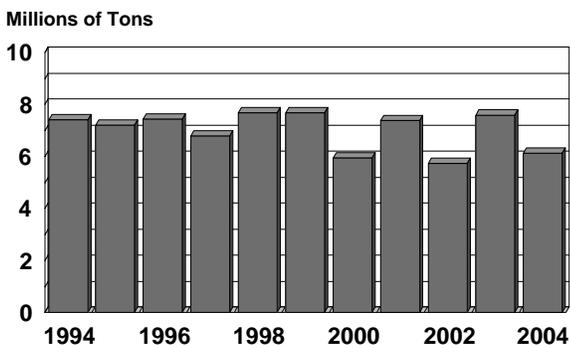
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NEBRASKA SORGHUM PRODUCTION
Annual Crop Production Report



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NEBRASKA ALL HAY PRODUCTION
Annual Crop Production Report



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