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NEBRASKA'S JUNE 1, 2002 ACREAGE REPORT

LINCOLN, Neb. June 28, 2002 - Nebraska's producers increased acreage devoted to corn, oats, dry beans, sugar beets, and hay, while decreasing acreage planted to soybeans, winter wheat (planted last fall), sorghum, millet, and sunflowers, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. These estimates are based on surveys conducted the first two weeks of June, stated Bill Hamlin, director of the service.

Nebraska corn growers planted 8.4 million acres in 2002, up 4 percent from last year but 1 percent below 2000. An estimated 8.05 million acres will be harvested for grain, an increase of 4 percent from 2001. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 46 percent of the planted acreage, up from 34 percent last year.

Soybean producers planted 4.9 million acres, 1 percent below last year's record high but 5 percent above 2000. Acres expected for harvest, at 4.83 million acres, are 1 percent below last year's record high. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 85 percent of the planted acreage, up from 76 percent last year.

Last fall, winter wheat was planted on 1.65 million acres, down 6 percent from the past two years. Harvested acreage is at 1.45 million acres, down 9 percent from 2001 and the lowest since 1917.

Sorghum growers planted 420,000 acres for all purposes, down 24 percent from last year, 30 percent below 2000, and the lowest level since 1953. Harvested acres forecast at 310,000 are down 27 percent from last year, 38 percent below 2000 and the lowest level since 1953.

All hay acreage for harvest, at 3.3 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year. Alfalfa hay for harvest, at 1.45 million acres, is unchanged from last year. Other hay acreage for harvest is up 3 percent from 2001, at 1.85 million acres.

Oats planted at 175,000 acres are up 13 percent from 2001. Millet acreage, at 160,000 acres is down 16 percent from a year ago. Dry edible bean producers planted 190,000 acres, up 19 percent from a year earlier. Sugar beet plantings of 56,400 acres are 16 percent greater than 2001. Sunflower plantings of 70,000 acres are down 15 percent.

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