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NEBRASKA 2002 CROP PRODUCTION SHARPLY LOWER

LINCOLN, Neb., August 12, 2002- Based on August 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 **corn** crop is forecast at 920 million bushels, 19 percent below 2001, and the lowest production since 1995, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage to be harvested for grain was lowered 450,000 acres from the June 1 estimate to 7.6 million, down 2 percent from last year. Average yield is forecast at 121 bushels per acre, 26 bushels below last year's record high, 11 bushels below the 10-year average, and lowest since 1995. The decline in both acres and yield is attributed to severe drought conditions.

Irrigated corn production is forecast to yield 159 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from last year's record high. The 2002 irrigated acreage for harvest represents 62 percent of the total corn acreage and accounts for 81 percent of the total corn for grain production forecast. **Dryland corn** yield is forecast at 59 bushels per acre, 51 bushels below last year and the lowest since 1983. Significant dryland acreage is expected to be harvested as silage or abandoned because of the effects of the severe drought.

Soybean production in Nebraska is forecast at 172 million bushels, 23 percent below last year and 1 percent below 2000. Acres for harvest, at 4.78 million, are second highest on record. Yield is forecast at 36 bushels per acre, down 9.5 bushels from 2001 and lowest since 1995.

Nebraska's 2002 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 46.4 million bushels, up 6 percent from last month's forecast, but 22 percent below last year's crop and lowest production since 1944. Average yield is forecast at 32 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above last month, but 5 bushels below last year, and lowest since 1989. Acreage for grain, at 1.45 million, is unchanged from last month.

Sorghum yield is forecast at 46 bushels per acre, down 38 bushels from last year, and lowest since 1974. The production forecast of 14.3 million bushels is lowest since 1956. **Oat** production is forecast at 3.6 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year. Forecast yield of 45 bushels per acre is down 16 bushels from a year ago. **Sugar beet** production of 846 thousand tons is up less than 1 percent from 2001. **Dry edible bean** production, at 2.8 million cwt., is down 12 percent from last year. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 4.2 million tons, down 18 percent from last year, and **all other hay** production is down 31 percent.

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Acres, Yield, and Production: By Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

District	Corn for Grain							
	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
Northwest	370.0	345.0	336.0	295.0	134.8	125.0	45,291.3	36,875.0
North	325.0	340.0	286.0	290.0	139.3	135.0	39,833.9	39,150.0
Northeast	1,490.0	1,530.0	1,425.0	1,425.0	139.6	100.0	198,896.8	142,500.0
Central	1,060.0	1,060.0	1,007.0	950.0	161.0	145.0	162,092.6	137,750.0
East	1,990.0	2,040.0	1,939.0	1,950.0	142.1	114.4	275,510.3	222,985.0
Southwest	940.0	965.0	885.0	790.0	149.3	138.0	132,087.4	109,020.0
South	805.0	860.0	778.0	740.0	167.1	148.0	129,975.7	109,520.0
Southeast	1,120.0	1,260.0	1,094.0	1,160.0	142.2	105.0	155,562.0	121,800.0
Nebraska	8,100.0	8,400.0	7,750.0	7,600.0	147.0	121.0	1,139,250.0	919,600.0
District	Soybeans							
	Planted Acres		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
North	168.0	150.0	163.0	145.0	44.6	44.0	7,263.0	6,380.0
Northeast	1,236.0	1,250.0	1,226.0	1,230.0	44.8	34.0	54,975.5	41,820.0
Central	327.0	300.0	322.0	285.0	48.6	42.0	15,647.5	11,970.0
East	1,556.0	1,555.0	1,545.0	1,530.0	44.3	34.5	68,456.5	52,814.0
South	478.0	465.0	472.0	455.0	53.6	48.0	25,282.5	21,840.0
Southeast	1,078.0	1,090.0	1,068.0	1,050.0	43.4	32.0	46,375.5	33,600.0
Other Districts	107.0	90.0	104.0	85.0	47.6	43.0	4,949.5	3,656.0
Nebraska	4,950.0	4,900.0	4,900.0	4,780.0	45.5	36.0	222,950.0	172,080.0
District	Sorghum for Grain							
	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
Central	37.0	29.0	5.7	5.0	77.7	50.0	443.1	250.0
East	41.0	28.0	39.8	27.0	82.7	55.0	3,293.0	1,485.0
Southwest	95.5	90.0	39.7	42.0	79.0	33.0	3,134.4	1,386.0
South	86.0	73.0	76.7	61.0	82.4	35.0	6,320.8	2,135.0
Southeast	261.5	168.0	257.7	167.0	85.9	52.3	22,135.2	8,729.0
Other Districts	29.0	32.0	5.4	8.0	69.2	34.4	373.5	275.0
Nebraska	550.0	420.0	425.0	310.0	84.0	46.0	35,700.0	14,260.0
District	Wheat							
	Planted Acres ²		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
Northwest	750.0	730.0	677.8	620.0	32.2	25.9	21,815.2	16,060.0
North	13.0	16.0	9.1	14.0	39.8	30.0	362.2	420.0
Northeast	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.0	40.4	32.0	48.5	64.0
Central	23.0	20.0	17.5	18.0	42.0	35.0	734.8	630.0
East	22.0	22.0	18.3	21.0	42.3	41.0	775.0	861.0
Southwest	575.0	515.0	539.8	450.0	39.2	31.0	21,141.7	13,950.0
South	200.0	190.0	184.8	180.0	44.5	39.0	8,232.6	7,020.0
Southeast	165.0	155.0	151.5	145.0	40.2	51.0	6,090.0	7,395.0
Nebraska	1,750.0	1,650.0	1,600.0	1,450.0	37.0	32.0	59,200.0	46,400.0

¹ Preliminary district estimates 2002, forecast as of August 1, 2002. ² Acres planted are for all purposes.

