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### NEBRASKA 2002 CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION HIGHER

LINCOLN, Neb., October 11, 2002- Based on October 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 **corn** crop is forecast at 912 million bushels, 20 percent below last year's final output and the lowest production since 1995, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage to be harvested for grain remained at 7.6 million, down 2 percent from last year. Due to the effects of the drought, acres expected to be abandoned or cut for silage total 800,000, the largest since 1974. Average yield is forecast at 120 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from September but 27 bushels below last year's record high and also the lowest since 1995.

**Irrigated corn** is forecast to yield 160 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year's record high. The 2002 irrigated acreage accounts for 83 percent of the total corn for grain production forecast. **Dryland corn** yield is forecast at 55 bushels per acre, half of last year's yield and the lowest since 1980. Significant dryland acreage has been abandoned or harvested as silage because of the effects of this year's drought.

**Soybean** production in Nebraska is forecast at 174 million bushels, 22 percent below last year and 3 percent above last month. Acres for harvest, at 4.7 million, were unchanged from last month and are the second highest on record. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month but down 8.5 bushels from 2001 and the lowest since 1995.

Nebraska's **sorghum** yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month, down 37 bushels from last year and the lowest since 1974. The production forecast of 14.6 million bushels is lowest since 1956. **Sunflower** production of 48.1 million pounds is down 42 percent from last year. **Sugar beet** production of 819 thousand tons is down 2 percent from 2001. **Dry edible bean** production of 3.06 million cwt. is down 4 percent from last year. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 4.2 million tons, down 18 percent from 2001, and **all other hay** production is down 24 percent from a year earlier.

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*See accompanying supplement for crop district estimates.*

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**Corn for Grain: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002<sup>1</sup>**

District	Planted Acres <sup>2</sup>		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Northwest	370.0	345.0	336.0	295.0	134.8	132.0	45,291.3	38,940.0
North	325.0	340.0	286.0	290.0	139.3	147.0	39,833.9	42,630.0
Northeast	1,490.0	1,530.0	1,425.0	1,425.0	139.6	110.0	198,896.8	156,750.0
Central	1,060.0	1,060.0	1,007.0	950.0	161.0	141.0	162,092.6	133,950.0
East	1,990.0	2,040.0	1,939.0	1,950.0	142.1	100.7	275,510.3	196,350.0
Southwest	940.0	965.0	885.0	790.0	149.3	152.0	132,087.4	120,080.0
South	805.0	860.0	778.0	740.0	167.1	145.0	129,975.7	107,300.0
Southeast	1,120.0	1,260.0	1,094.0	1,160.0	142.2	100.0	155,562.0	116,000.0
Nebraska	8,100.0	8,400.0	7,750.0	7,600.0	147.0	120.0	1,139,250.0	912,000.0

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary district estimates 2002, forecast as of October 1, 2002. <sup>2</sup> Acres planted are for all purposes.

Source: USDA NASS

**Soybeans: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002<sup>1</sup>**

District	Planted Acres <sup>2</sup>		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
North	168.0	150.0	163.0	145.0	44.6	43.0	7,263.0	6,235.0
Northeast	1,236.0	1,250.0	1,226.0	1,220.0	44.8	39.0	54,975.5	47,580.0
Central	327.0	300.0	322.0	275.0	48.6	42.0	15,647.5	11,550.0
East	1,556.0	1,555.0	1,545.0	1,520.0	44.3	36.0	68,456.5	54,675.0
South	478.0	465.0	472.0	440.0	53.6	47.0	25,282.5	20,680.0
Southeast	1,078.0	1,090.0	1,068.0	1,020.0	43.4	29.0	46,375.5	29,580.0
Other Districts	107.0	90.0	104.0	80.0	47.6	45.0	4,949.5	3,600.0
Nebraska	4,950.0	4,900.0	4,900.0	4,700.0	45.5	37.0	222,950.0	173,900.0

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Source: USDA NASS

**Sorghum for Grain: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002<sup>1</sup>**

District	Planted Acres <sup>2</sup>		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>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	64.0	3,293.0	1,728.0
Southwest	95.5	90.0	39.7	42.0	79.0	21.0	3,134.4	882.0
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	55.3	22,135.2	9,236.0
Other Districts	29.0	32.0	5.4	8.0	69.2	42.4	373.5	339.0
Nebraska	550.0	420.0	425.0	310.0	84.0	47.0	35,700.0	14,570.0

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Source: USDA NASS