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NEBRASKA 2002 CROP PRODUCTION BELOW LAST YEAR

LINCOLN, Neb., November 12, 2002- Based on November 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2002 **corn** crop is forecast at 927 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 19 percent below last year's final output and the lowest production since 1995, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 122 bushels per acre, up two bushels from October but 25 bushels below last year's record high and also the lowest since 1995. 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.

Irrigated corn is forecast to yield 162 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year's record high. The 2002 irrigated production accounts for 82 percent of the total corn for grain production forecast. **Dryland corn** yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, near 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 179 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month but 20 percent below last year. Yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month but down 7.5 bushels from 2001. Acres for harvest, at 4.7 million, were unchanged from last month and are the second highest on record.

Nebraska's **sorghum** production forecast of 15.2 million bushels is lowest since 1956. Yield is forecast at 49 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month but 35 bushels below last year and the lowest since 1974.

Sugar beet production of 767 thousand tons is down 9 percent from 2001. **Potato** production of 8.45 million cwt. is up 1 percent from last year.

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Corn for Grain: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

| District | 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>Bushels</i> | | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> | |
| Northwest | 370.0 | 345.0 | 336.0 | 295.0 | 134.8 | 128.0 | 45,291.3 | 37,760.0 |
| North | 325.0 | 340.0 | 286.0 | 290.0 | 139.3 | 145.0 | 39,833.9 | 42,050.0 |
| Northeast | 1,490.0 | 1,530.0 | 1,425.0 | 1,425.0 | 139.6 | 112.0 | 198,896.8 | 159,600.0 |
| Central | 1,060.0 | 1,060.0 | 1,007.0 | 950.0 | 161.0 | 144.0 | 162,092.6 | 136,800.0 |
| East | 1,990.0 | 2,040.0 | 1,939.0 | 1,950.0 | 142.1 | 103.7 | 275,510.3 | 202,180.0 |
| Southwest | 940.0 | 965.0 | 885.0 | 790.0 | 149.3 | 155.0 | 132,087.4 | 122,450.0 |
| South | 805.0 | 860.0 | 778.0 | 740.0 | 167.1 | 146.0 | 129,975.7 | 108,040.0 |
| Southeast | 1,120.0 | 1,260.0 | 1,094.0 | 1,160.0 | 142.2 | 102.0 | 155,562.0 | 118,320.0 |
| Nebraska | 8,100.0 | 8,400.0 | 7,750.0 | 7,600.0 | 147.0 | 122.0 | 1,139,250.0 | 927,200.0 |

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

Source: USDA NASS

Soybeans: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

| District | 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>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 | 1,220.0 | 44.8 | 41.0 | 54,975.5 | 50,020.0 |
| Central | 327.0 | 300.0 | 322.0 | 275.0 | 48.6 | 44.0 | 15,647.5 | 12,100.0 |
| East | 1,556.0 | 1,555.0 | 1,545.0 | 1,520.0 | 44.3 | 36.7 | 68,456.5 | 55,780.0 |
| South | 478.0 | 465.0 | 472.0 | 440.0 | 53.6 | 45.0 | 25,282.5 | 19,800.0 |
| Southeast | 1,078.0 | 1,090.0 | 1,068.0 | 1,020.0 | 43.4 | 30.0 | 46,375.5 | 30,600.0 |
| Other Districts | 107.0 | 90.0 | 104.0 | 80.0 | 47.6 | 49.0 | 4,949.5 | 3,920.0 |
| Nebraska | 4,950.0 | 4,900.0 | 4,900.0 | 4,700.0 | 45.5 | 38.0 | 222,950.0 | 178,600.0 |

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Source: USDA NASS

Sorghum for Grain: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2001-2002¹

| District | 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>Bushels</i> | | <i>1,000 Bushels</i> | |
| Central | 37.0 | 29.0 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 77.7 | 55.0 | 443.1 | 275.0 |
| 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 | 33.0 | 6,320.8 | 2,013.0 |
| Southeast | 261.5 | 168.0 | 257.7 | 167.0 | 85.9 | 59.6 | 22,135.2 | 9,953.0 |
| 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 | 49.0 | 35,700.0 | 15,190.0 |

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