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NEBRASKA JUNE 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST HIGHER

LINCOLN, Neb., June 11, 2003 -- Based on June 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2003 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 72.6 million bushels, up 49 percent from last year's crop and 16 percent above last month's forecast, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 44 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from last year's yield and 6 bushels above last month.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. In the major wheat growing areas, as of June 1, topsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly adequate and subsoil moisture supplies rated adequate to short. Crop condition rated mostly good with development normal at 69 percent headed. Disease and insect pressure have been light.

Wheat: Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production by Agricultural Districts, Nebraska, 2002-2003¹

District	Planted Acres ²		Harvested For Grain		Yield		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Northwest	730.0	770.0	653.2	710.0	25.9	39.3	16,950.5	27,872.0
North	8.7	10.0	6.4	8.5	33.5	42.0	214.5	357.0
Northeast	2.3	4.0	1.2	3.5	34.3	47.0	41.2	165.0
Central	22.0	27.0	19.5	24.0	39.9	49.0	777.8	1,176.0
East	21.0	22.0	20.7	21.0	48.3	48.0	1,000.8	1,008.0
Southwest	540.0	569.0	503.6	545.0	32.2	47.0	16,232.4	25,615.0
South	185.0	188.0	181.2	183.0	38.5	49.0	6,970.4	8,967.0
Southeast	141.0	160.0	134.2	155.0	48.1	48.0	6,452.4	7,440.0
Nebraska	1,650.0	1,750.0	1,520.0	1,650.0	32.0	44.0	48,640.0	72,600.0

¹ Preliminary district estimates 2003. ²Planted acres are for all purposes.

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