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## NEBRASKA JULY 1 WHEAT AND OAT PRODUCTION HIGHER

LINCOLN, Neb., July 11, 2003 -- Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2003 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 79.9 million bushels, up 64 percent from last year's crop, 10 percent above last month's forecast, and highest since 1999, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year's yield, 3 bushel above last month, and second highest of record behind 1999 at 48 bushels.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.70 million acres, 180,000 acres more than last year and the highest since 1999. Wheat harvest started late and did not begin until the first week of July, about a week to ten days behind normal.

**Oat** production is forecast at 4.4 million bushels, up 87 percent from last year's drought reduced crop. Acreage for harvest, at 65,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from 2002. Yield is forecast at 68 bushels per acre, up 25 bushels from the previous year and the highest since 1997.

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