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### NEBRASKA 2003 WHEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., September 30, 2003—Final 2003 estimate for Nebraska **wheat** production totaled 83.7 million bushels, 72 percent above last year's crop and 41 percent greater than two years ago, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This estimate is up less than 1 percent from the August 1 forecast. Average yield in Nebraska is estimated at 46 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the August forecast, 14 bushels above last year, and ties with the second highest on record. Planted acreage was up 250,000 acres from a year ago. Acreage for grain, at 1.82 million, is 300,000 more than last year and 120,000 acres above August.

**Oat** production in 2003 totaled 6.6 million bushels, nearly three times the 2002 production and the highest since 1996. Planted acreage, at 220,000 acres, was up 26 percent from 2002 while harvested grain acreage, at 90,000 acres, was up 64 percent from a year ago. Yield was a record high 73 bushels per acre, up 30 bushels per acre from last year and 2 bushels above the previous high set in 1996.

**Barley** production totaled 200,000 bushels, down 7 percent from last year's crop.

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