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### NEBRASKA 2003 CORN PRODUCTION HIGHER

LINCOLN, Neb., October 10, 2003-**Corn** production in Nebraska is forecast at 1.1 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last month and 18 percent above 2002, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 143 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the September forecast, and 15 bushels above last year's drought reduced yield. Farmers expect to harvest 7.75 million acres of corn for grain, up 100,000 acres from September and 5 percent above a year ago.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 175.5 million bushels, down 3 percent from last month and slightly below last year. Yields are expected to average 39 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and just above the 38.5 bushels per acre of 2002. Area for harvest, at 4.5 million acres, is down 150,000 acres from September and down 2 percent from 2002.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 30.1 million bushels, double the production of last year. Yields are expected to average 59 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last month and 9 bushels above last year. **Sunflower** production of 69.1 million pounds is well above the 24.7 million pounds of last year. **Sugar beet** production of 898 thousand tons is up 18 percent from 2002. **Dry edible bean** production of 2.94 million cwt. is down 15 percent from last year. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 5.0 million tons, up 24 percent from 2002, and **all other hay** production is up 22 percent from a year earlier.

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