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NEBRASKA 2003 CORN PRODUCTION HIGHER

LINCOLN, Neb., November 12, 2003-**Corn** production in Nebraska is forecast at 1.12 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 19 percent above 2002, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 145 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the October forecast, and 17 bushels above last year's drought reduced yield. Farmers expect to harvest 7.75 million acres of corn for grain, unchanged from October and 5 percent above a year ago.

Soybean production is forecast at 175.5 million bushels, unchanged 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 unchanged from October and down 2 percent from 2002.

Sorghum production is forecast at 31.6 million bushels, more than double the production of last year. Yields are expected to average 62 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month and 12 bushels above last year.

Sugar beet production of 875 thousand tons is up 15 percent from 2002. **Potato** production of 9.2 million cwt. is up 7 percent from last year.

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