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NEBRASKA JUNE 1 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST LOWER

LINCOLN, Neb., June 10, 2004 -- Based on June 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2004 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 64.8 million bushels, down 23 percent from last year's crop, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last month, 11 from last year, and 4 below the ten-year average.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.85 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 30,000 acres from last year. In the major wheat growing areas, as of May 30, topsoil moisture supplies were rated mostly short to very short and subsoil moisture supplies rated mostly very short. Crop condition rated 42 percent poor or very poor with development ahead of normal at 86 percent headed. Disease and insect pressure have been light; however, freeze damage was noted in some western counties.

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