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## NEBRASKA 2004 CORN PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH

Lincoln, Neb., January 12, 2005 -- **Corn** for grain production in Nebraska based on year end surveys is estimated at a record high 1.32 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the November forecast but 17 percent above 2003, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is estimated at 166 bushels per acre, 20 bushels above last year and 19 bushels above the previous record high set in 2001. Farmers harvested 7.95 million acres of corn for grain, up 3 percent from last year.

**Soybean** production for 2004 totaled 221 million bushels, down 3 percent from the November forecast but up 21 percent from last year. This is the second largest crop behind 2001's record production of 223 million bushels. Yield, at 46.5 bushels per acre, is 6 bushels above 2003 and second highest on record behind 1994's yield of 47 bushels per acre. Area for harvest, at 4.75 million acres, is up 6 percent from 2003.

**Sorghum** for grain production in 2004 is estimated at 33.6 million bushels, down 11 percent from the November forecast but up 8 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 81 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain was 415,000 acres, down 17 percent from last year.

**Hay** production totaled 6.14 million tons, down 19 percent from the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested is 2.8 million acres, down 350,000 acres from 2003. Yield, at 2.19 tons per acre, is down 0.2 ton from last year. **Alfalfa** production is down 15 percent from a year ago and **all other hay** production is down 28 percent.

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