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### NEBRASKA WHEAT AND OAT PRODUCTION ABOVE YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., July 12, 2005 -- Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2005 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 69.7 million bushels, down 5 percent from last month but 14 percent above last year's crop, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, 2 bushels below last month but 4 bushels above last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.70 million acres, 50,000 acres more than last year. "With the effects of the early May freeze and disease impacting fields in various portions of the state, some Nebraska wheat producers were not realizing their expected yields," said Mark Harris, director of Nebraska Agricultural Statistics. Wheat harvest started the third full week of June and has kept a near normal pace.

**Oat** production is forecast at 4.38 million bushels, up 17 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 60,000 acres, is up 9 percent from 2004. Average yield, at 73 bushels per acre, is equal to the record high yield set two years ago and 5 bushels per acre above last year.

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