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NEBRASKA'S 2005 CROP PRODUCTION UPDATE

LINCOLN, Neb., October 12, 2005 -- Based on October 1 conditions, Nebraska's **corn** crop is forecast at 1.31 billion bushels, 1 percent above last month and just below last year's record production, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Yield is forecast at 160 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and 6 bushels below last year's record high. Area to be harvested for grain was increased 100,000 acres to 8.2 million based on administrative data.

Soybean production in Nebraska is forecast at 228 million bushels, 5 percent above last month and 4 percent above last year. Yield is forecast at 49 bushels per acre, 5 bushels above last month, 3 bushels above last year, and 2 bushels above the previous high set in 1994. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. Based on administrative data, area for harvest, at 4.65 million, is down 300,000 acres from last month. The yield increase more than offsets the reduced area for harvest.

Sorghum production in Nebraska is forecast at 21.3 million bushels, down 5 percent from September and 37 percent below last year. Yield is forecast at 85 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the previous month and up 4 bushels from last year. Based on administrative data, area for harvest at 250,000 is down 20,000 acres from last month. **Sunflower** production of 115 million pounds is more than double last year's production. **Sugarbeet** production of 919 thousand tons is unchanged from last month but down 12 percent from 2004. **Dry edible bean** production of 3.8 million cwt. is up 60 percent from last year, with a record high yield of 2,300 pounds per acre. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 4.4 million tons, fractionally above last year's production and **all other hay** production is forecast at 2.2 million tons, 27 percent above a year earlier.

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