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NEBRASKA MARCH 1, 2003 GRAIN STOCKS BELOW LAST YEAR

LINCOLN, Neb., March 31, 2003-**Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 596 million bushels, down 16 percent from March 1, 2002, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Of the total, 325 million bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year ago and the lowest total since 1996. Off-farm stocks, at 271 million bushels, are down 9 percent from 2002.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 77 million bushels, down 17 percent from last year. On-farm stocks are 31 million bushels, up 15 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks are 46 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2002.

Wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 36 million bushels, down 30 percent from a year ago and the lowest total since 1997. On-farm stocks of 4.5 million bushels are down 44 percent from 2002. Off-farm stocks are 31 million bushels, down 28 percent from last year.

Sorghum stored in all positions on March 1, 2003 totaled 19 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2002 and the lowest total since 1957. On-farm stocks are at 4 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks at 15 million bushels are 19 percent under 2002.

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