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CORN PRODUCTION FORECAST UNCHANGED, SOYBEANS INCREASE

SIoux FALLS, November 12, 2002 – The South Dakota November 1 corn production is forecast at 332.5 million bushels, unchanged from last month, but 10 percent below last year. Yield is forecast at 95 bushels per acre, 14 bushels below last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 3.50 million, up 3 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 124.5 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month but 13 percent below last year. Yield, at 30 bushels per acre, is up 1 bushel from the previous forecast but down 2 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, are forecast at 4.15 million, down 7 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 2.96 million bushels, down 8 percent from last month's forecast and 67 percent below last year. Yield, at 37 bushels per acre, is down 3 bushels from last month and 22 bushels below last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 80,000, are 47 percent below last year.

Potato production is forecast at 330,000 cwt., down 49 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 300 cwt. per acre, up from 240 cwt. last year, due to a higher percentage of acreage under irrigation. Harvested acres are forecast at 1,100 with 1,100 acres planted.

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