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GRAIN STOCKS SUPPLY MIXED

SIoux FALLS, September 30, 2004 -- South Dakota stocks of corn, soybeans, and sorghum on September 1 were down from last year, but all wheat, barley, and oats were up from a year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Total stocks include grain on farms, grain in mills and elevators, grain in government storage bins, and grain stored under the farmer-owned Grain Reserve Program.

All wheat stocks, at 116.8 million bushels, were up 11 percent from last year. On-farm stocks totaled 75.0 million bushels, up 17 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 41.8 million, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

Corn stocks totaled 40.8 million bushels on September 1, down 21 percent from last year. On-farm stocks contributed 28.0 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 12.8 million bushels, were down 34 percent from last year.

Soybean stocks in South Dakota totaled 4.1 million bushels, down 20 percent from last year. On-farm stocks represented 1.6 million bushels, down 36 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 2.5 million, down 5 percent from last year.

Oat stocks on September 1, at 14.5 million bushels, were up 12 percent from last year. On-farm stocks were 12.0 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 2.5 million, up 26 percent from last year.

Barley on-farm stocks totaled 2.3 million bushels, up 53 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks are not published.

Sorghum off-farm stocks, at 126,000 bushels, were down 2 percent from last year. On-farm stocks are not published.

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