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## JUNE ACREAGE

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### ***SOUTH DAKOTA'S CORN ACREAGE UP, SOYBEANS DOWN SLIGHTLY***

**SIoux FALLS, June 30, 2004** - - **Corn** planted acres in South Dakota in 2004 total 4.50 million, up 2 percent from last year, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres for grain are forecasted at 3.95 million, up 3 percent from last year's record high. Biotechnology varieties were used on 79 percent of acres planted, compared to 75 percent a year ago. Nationally, only 45 percent of the acreage was seeded with biotechnology varieties in 2004, up from 40 percent last year.

**Soybean** planted acres in South Dakota in 2004 total 4.20 million, down 1 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were planted on 95 percent of the soybean acres in South Dakota, up from 91 percent last year. In the United States 85 percent of the soybean acreage was seeded with biotechnology seed, up from 81 percent last year.

**Winter wheat** acreage seeded last fall totaled 1.70 million, up 6 percent from the 2003 crop. Acres intended for harvest, based on June 1 conditions, are expected to be 1.25 million, a decrease of 190,000 acres from the May 1 estimate. This forecasted harvested acreage is down 9 percent from last year's harvested acreage.

**Other spring wheat** plantings totaled 1.60 million acres, up 14 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** plantings, at 15,000, were down 13,000 acres from last year.

**All sunflower** acres, at 430,000 planted, are 15 percent below 2003 acreage levels. **Oil sunflower** account for 400,000 acres, down 16 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** acres planted, at 30,000, are unchanged from last year.

**Oats**, at 400,000 acres planted, are down 5 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 200,000 acres for grain, down 13 percent from 2003. **Sorghum**, at 250,000 acres planted, is 7 percent below last year. **Proso millet** seedings totaled 200,000 acres, down 5 percent from last year.

**Barley** planted acreage totaled 70,000 acres, down 7 percent from last year. **Flaxseed** plantings, at 10,000 acres, are unchanged from last year. **Rye** planted acres, at 20,000, are also unchanged from 2003.

**All hay** harvested acres are expected to total 4.10 million, down 5 percent from 2003. **Alfalfa** hay is to be harvested from 2.60 million acres, down 4 percent, while **other hay** is expected to be harvested from 1.50 million acres, down 6 percent from last year.

This report is based on a statewide survey of producers conducted between May 27 and June 16, and reflects acreages as of June 1. Updated harvested acreages and forecasted yields will be published during the growing season.

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