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KANSAS 2014 CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

TOPEKA, KS, January 12, 2015 -- **Corn** for grain production in Kansas based on year-end surveys is estimated at 566 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2013, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 149 bushels per acre is up 23 bushels from last year. Farmers harvested 3.8 million acres of corn for grain, down 5 percent from 2013.

Sorghum for grain production in 2014 is estimated at 200 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2013. Yield, at 74 bushels per acre, is up 15 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 2.70 million acres, is down 5 percent from a year ago.

Soybean production for 2014 totaled 143 million bushels, up 9 percent from 2013. Yield, at 36.0 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 3.96 million acres, is up 12 percent from 2013.

Alfalfa production, at 2.28 million tons, is up 18 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 3.8 tons per acre, is up 0.30 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for dry hay, at 600,000 acres, is up 9 percent from 2013. Seedings of alfalfa during 2014 totaled 65,000 acres, unchanged from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 2.72 million tons, is down 41 percent. The average yield, at 1.6 tons per acre, is down 0.50 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for other dry hay is 1.7 million acres, down 23 percent from 2013. Total **forage** production from alfalfa and other hay was 5.41 million tons in 2014, down 19 percent from a year earlier.

Oil sunflower production in 2014 is 57.5 million pounds, down 1 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,370 pounds per acre, is up 210 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 42,000 acres, is down 16 percent from 2013 and the smallest area harvested on record. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 34.0 million pounds is up 42 percent from last year. Yield, at 2,000 pounds per acre, is up 400 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 17,000 acres, is up 13 percent from 2013.

Dry edible bean production of 118,000 hundredweight is up 37 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 1,710 pounds per acre, is down 80 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 6,900 acres, is up 44 percent from 2013.

Cotton production of 52,000 bales is up 27 percent from last year. Record yield, at 861 pounds per acre, is up 104 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 29,000 acres, is up 12 percent from 2013.

Potato production is 1.39 million hundredweight, down 7 percent from 2013. Yield, at 340 hundredweight per acre, is down 10 hundredweight from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 4,100 acres, is down 200 acres from 2013.

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