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KANSAS 2015 CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

TOPEKA, KS, January 12, 2016 -- **Corn** for grain production in Kansas based on year-end surveys is estimated at 580 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2014, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 148 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from last year. Farmers harvested 3.92 million acres of corn for grain, up 3 percent from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is estimated at 282 million bushels, up 41 percent from 2014. Yield, at 88 bushels per acre, is equal to the record set in 2009 and up 14 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 3.20 million acres, is up 19 percent from a year ago.

Soybean production for 2015 totaled 149 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2014. Yield, at 38.5 bushels per acre, is up 3 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 3.86 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2014.

Alfalfa production, at 2.47 million tons, is up 8 percent from a year earlier. The average yield, at 3.80 tons per acre, is equal to last year. Area harvested for dry hay, at 650,000 acres, is up 8 percent from 2014. Seedings of alfalfa during 2015 totaled 75,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the year earlier. **All other hay** production, at 3.42 million tons, is up 26 percent. The average yield, at 1.90 tons per acre, is up 0.30 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for other dry hay is 1.80 million acres, up 6 percent from 2014. Total **forage** production from alfalfa and other hay was 6.29 million tons in 2015, up 16 percent from a year earlier.

Oil sunflower production in 2015 is 80.6 million pounds, up 40 percent from last year. Yield, at 1,520 pounds per acre, is up 150 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 53,000 acres, is up 27 percent from 2014. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 55.0 million pounds is up 62 percent from last year. Yield, at a record high 2,200 pounds per acre, is up 200 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 25,000 acres, is up 47 percent from 2014.

Dry edible bean production of 195,000 hundredweight is up 65 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 2,500 pounds per acre, is up 790 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 7,800 acres, is up 13 percent from 2014.

Cotton production of 27,000 bales is down 44 percent from last year. A record yield of 864 pounds per acre is up 70 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 15,000 acres, is down 48 percent from 2014.

Potato production is 1.21 million hundredweight, down 13 percent from 2014. Yield, at 335 hundredweight per acre, is down 5 hundredweight from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 3,600 acres, is down 500 acres from 2014.

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