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2018 NEBRASKA ACREAGE

LINCOLN, Neb. June 29, 2018 - Nebraska producers planted 9.70 million acres of **corn** in 2018, up 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Biotechnology varieties were used on 96 percent of the area planted, unchanged from a year ago. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 9.35 million acres, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Soybean planted area is estimated at 5.50 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were used on 96 percent of the area planted, up 2 percentage points from 2017. Producers expect to harvest 5.45 million acres, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Winter wheat seeded in the fall of 2017 was a record low 1.10 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area is expected to total 1.00 million acres, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Alfalfa acreage to be harvested for dry hay is estimated at 880,000 acres, up 6 percent from last year. **Other hay** acreage to be cut for dry hay is estimated at 1.85 million acres, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Sorghum acreage planted, at 220,000 acres, is up 22 percent from a year ago. Area expected to be harvested for grain is 155,000 acres, up 15 percent from last year.

Oats planted for all purposes is estimated at 135,000 acres, up 23 percent from last year. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 45,000 acres, up 29 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean planted acreage is estimated at 125,000 acres, down 31 percent from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 114,000 acres, down 26 percent from the previous year. **All chickpea** planted acres are estimated at 5,000 acres, with harvested area estimated at 4,600 acres.

Proso millet plantings of 100,000 acres are down 5 percent from a year ago.

Sugarbeet planted acres, at 45,900 acres, are down slightly from last year. Area expected to be harvested is estimated at 44,500 acres, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Oil sunflower acres planted are estimated at 33,000, up 10 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 31,000 acres, up 9 percent from a year ago. **Non-oil sunflower** planted acreage is estimated at 10,000 acres, down 35 percent from a year ago. Harvested area is estimated at 9,000 acres, down 40 percent from the previous year.

Dry edible pea planted acres are estimated at 65,000 acres, up 12 percent from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 62,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year.

Fall potato planted acres are estimated at 19,500 acres, up 3 percent from the previous year. Harvested acreage is forecasted at 19,300 acres, up 2 percent from a year earlier. The percent planted by type of potato is: 45 percent white, 50 percent russet, 2 percent red and 3 percent yellow.

The estimates of planted and harvested acreages in this news release are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of June.

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