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## NEBRASKA 2020 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY

**LINCOLN, Neb. January 12, 2021 - Corn for grain** production in Nebraska based on year-end surveys is estimated at a record high 1.79 billion bushels, up slightly from 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield of 181 bushels per acre is down 1 bushel from last year. Farmers harvested 9.89 million acres of corn for grain, up 1% from 2019. **Corn for silage** production is 4.94 million tons, up 7% from last year. Silage yield of 19.0 tons per acre is down 4.0 tons from last year. Corn for silage harvested acreage of 260,000 acres is up 60,000 acres from last year. Corn acreage planted for all purposes is 10.2 million acres, up 1% from last year.

**Soybean** production for 2020 totaled 294 million bushels, up 4% from 2019. Yield, at 57.0 bushels per acre, is down 1.5 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 5.16 million acres, is up 7% from 2019. Planted acreage totaled 5.20 million acres, up 6% from last year.

**Sorghum for grain** production in 2020 is estimated at 13.7 million bushels, up 13% from 2019. Yield, at 91.0 bushels per acre, is down 2.0 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 150,000 acres, is up 15% from 2019. **Sorghum for silage** production is 180,000 tons, down 70% from last year. Silage yield of 12.0 tons per acre is up 2.0 tons from last year. Sorghum for silage harvested acreage of 15,000 acres is down 45,000 acres from last year. Sorghum acreage planted for all purposes is 195,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production, at 3.27 million tons, is down 9% from a year earlier. The average yield, at 3.80 tons per acre, is unchanged from 2019. Area harvested, at 860,000 acres, is down 9% from 2019. **Alfalfa haylage and greenchop** production, at 231,000 tons, is up 13% from last year. Average yield, at 6.60 tons per acre, is up 2.50 tons per acre from last year. Area harvested, at 35,000 acres, is down 15,000 acres from last year. **Seedings of alfalfa** during 2020 totaled 100,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from a year earlier.

**All other hay** production, at 3.10 million tons, is up 25% from last year. The average yield, at 1.65 tons per acre, is unchanged from last year. Area harvested, at 1.88 million acres, is up 25% from 2019. **All other haylage and greenchop** production, at 122,000 tons, is down 16% from last year. Average yield, at 6.10 tons per acre, is up 0.30 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested, at 20,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from last year.

**Proso millet** production in 2020 is estimated at 3.00 million bushels, down 9% from last year's production. Yield, at 24.0 bushels per acre, is down 7.0 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 125,000 acres, is up 18% from 2019. Area planted, at 130,000 acres, is up 13% from last year.

**Oil sunflower** production in 2020 is 41.0 million pounds, up 21% from last year. Yield, at 1,050 pounds per acre, is down 250 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 39,000 acres, is up 50% from 2019. Area planted, at 40,000 acres, is up 43% from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** production of 13.2 million pounds is up 20% from last year. Yield, at 1,470 pounds per acre, is up 170 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 9,000 acres, is up 500 acres from 2019. Area planted, at 10,000 acres, is up 11% from last year.

**Sugarbeet** production is estimated at 1.42 million tons, up 33% from last year. Yield is estimated at 31.0 tons per acre, up 5.6 tons from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 45,700 acres, up 9% from the previous year. Area planted, at 46,200 acres, is up 2,200 acres from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production of 3.61 million cwt is up 92% from a year ago. Yield, at 2,270 pounds per acre, is up 330 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 159,000 acres, is up 64% from 2019. Area planted, at 165,000 acres, is up 37% from last year. Beginning in 2019, chickpeas were excluded from the dry edible bean estimates.

**Dry edible pea** production is estimated at 462,000 cwt, down 28% from 2019. Yield is estimated at 1,400 pounds per acre, down 900 pounds from last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 33,000, up 18% from a year ago. Total acreage planted is 36,000 acres, up 16% from last year.

**Potato** production is 9.31 million cwt, down 3% from 2019. Record yield, at 495 cwt per acre, is up 20 cwt from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 18,800 acres, is down 1,400 acres from 2019. Area planted, at 19,000 acres, is down 1,500 acres from last year.

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