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NEBRASKA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

LINCOLN, Neb. August 12, 2019 - Based on August 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2019 **corn** production is a record forecast at 1.79 billion bushels, up slightly from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 9.65 million acres, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 186 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year.

Soybean production in Nebraska is forecast at 287 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 4.95 million acres, is down 12 percent from 2018. Yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year.

Nebraska's 2019 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 56.3 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain, at 970,000 acres, is down 4 percent from last year. Record yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels per acre from 2018.

Sorghum production of 15.5 million bushels, is down 3 percent from a year ago. Area for grain harvest, at 165,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 94 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year.

Oat production is forecast at 1.18 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain, at 19,000 acres, is down 3,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 62 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from 2018.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 2.43 thousand cwt. The average yield is forecast at 2,310 pounds per acre. Acres planted by class are as follows: Pinto, 49,400; Great Northern, 44,500; Black, 2,600; Light Red Kidney, 11,800 acres.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 1.37 million tons, down 3 percent from 2018. Area for harvest, at 43,200 acres is down 900 acres from last year. Yield is estimated at 31.6 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton from a year ago.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 3.42 million tons, down 6 percent from last year. Expected yield, at 3.80 tons per acre, is down 0.5 ton from last year. **All other hay** production is forecast at 2.56 million tons, down 23 percent from last year. Forecasted yield, at 1.60 tons per acre, is down 0.2 ton from last year.

Special Note

Survey respondents who reported acreage as not yet planted for corn, cotton, sorghum, and soybeans in fourteen States for the *Acreage* report, released June 28, 2019, were re-contacted in July. Excessive rainfall had led to planting delays and challenges at the time of the survey, leaving a portion of acres still to be planted for corn in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; cotton in Arkansas; sorghum in Kansas; and soybeans in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

When planting delays occur NASS has established procedures and processes in place to re-contact respondents. In addition to the updated survey information, NASS considered Farm Service Agency (FSA) certified acreage information as well as satellite-based indications of acreage to update planted and harvested acreage estimates for this report.

NASS estimates of planted area are always larger than the certified acres reported by FSA because of definitional differences and the fact that some producers do not participate in USDA programs and therefore do not report their acreage to FSA. It is also important to note that data are reported to FSA over an extended period of time, with varying due dates across the country, and is historically incomplete in early August. NASS has carefully analyzed these data for many years and has determined they normally don't become nearly complete until September for cotton and October for corn, soybeans, and sorghum. A detailed description of how NASS incorporates the FSA certified acreage information into the estimating process can be found at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Understanding_Statistics/FSA_Acreage.pdf

Based on all of the data sources described above, planted and harvested area estimates for corn, soybeans, cotton, and sorghum were updated and included in this report. All States in the estimating program for these crops were subject to review and updating. Planted acreage updates can be found in the National publication using the link below.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/tm70mv177>

Access the National Crop Production Executive Briefing at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Executive_Briefings/2019/08-12-2019.pdf

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