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NEBRASKA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

LINCOLN, Neb. October 10, 2019 - Based on October 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2019 **corn** production is a record forecast at 1.81 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 9.75 million acres, is up 5 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 186 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year.

Sorghum for grain is forecast at 13.0 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 140,000 acres, is down 18 percent from 2018. Yield is forecast at 93 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 277 million bushels, down 15 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 4.95 million acres, is 11 percent below 2018. Yield is forecast at 56 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 2.22 million cwt, down 32 percent from 2018. Area for harvest, at 110,000 acres, is down 16 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 2,020 pounds per acre, down 460 pounds per acre from last year. Beginning in 2019, chickpeas were excluded from the dry edible bean program.

Sugarbeet production is forecast at 1.20 million tons, down 14 percent from 2018. Area for harvest, at 43,600 acres, is down 1 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 27.6 tons per acre, down 4.3 tons per acre from a year ago.

All sunflower production is forecast at 51.8 million pounds, up 9 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 36,000 acres, is up 2,500 acres from 2018. Yield is forecast at 1,438 pounds per acre, up 24 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 9,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 27,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay production, at 3.51 million tons, is down 4 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 900,000 acres, is up 6 percent from a year ago. Yield of 3.9 tons per acre, is down 0.4 ton from 2018. **All other hay** production, at 2.72 million tons, is down 18 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.60 million acres, is down 14 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.7 tons per acre, is down 0.1 ton from 2018.

Special Note

All forecasts in this report are based on conditions as of October 1, 2019 and assume normal weather for the remainder of the growing season. Data were not adjusted to account for any potential departures from normal between now and harvest.

As is done every year in October, planted and harvested acreage estimates were reviewed for corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower, sugarbeets, and dry edible beans and updated as needed based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). All States in the estimating program for these crops were subject to review and updating.

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