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NEBRASKA'S OCTOBER 2011 CROP PRODUCTION

LINCOLN, Neb., October 12, 2011 -- Based on October 1 conditions, Nebraska's **corn** crop is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month, but up 3 percent from last year, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Yield is forecast at 160 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but 6 bushels below last year. Harvested acreage was reduced by 150,000 acres to 9.5 million, but still 7 percent above a year ago.

Soybean production is forecast at 262 million bushels, up 1 percent from September but down 2 percent from last year's record high. Yield is forecast at 54 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month but still second highest of record behind 2009. Area for harvest was increased 150,000 acres to 4.85 million, down 5 percent from 2010.

Sorghum production is forecast at 6.0 million bushels, up 7 percent from last month due to an increase in harvested acres. This production is still 11 percent below a year ago and the smallest since 1953. Yield, at 85 bushels per acre, is down 2 bushels from the previous month and 5 bushels below last year. Harvested acreage was increased 6,000 acres to 71,000, down 4,000 acres from last year and smallest since 1937.

Sunflower production is down 15 percent due to reduced acreage and yield from a year ago. **Dry edible bean** production is down 35 percent from last year due to fewer acres. **Sugarbeet** production is up 11 percent from 2010, a result of more acres for harvest and a higher yield. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast to be 7 percent lower and **all other hay** production is expected to be down 12 percent from a year ago.

Acreage updates to planted and harvested acres from levels published in the September Crop Production Report were made based on a review of administrative data.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2011/CropProd-10-12-2011.pdf>

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