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NEBRASKA'S JUNE 1, 2012 ACREAGE REPORT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 29, 2012 -- Nebraska producers increased acreage planted to corn, soybeans, sorghum, dry edible beans, and oats from a year ago, while decreasing acres planted to winter wheat, hay, proso millet, sunflower, and sugarbeets, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Nebraska **corn** growers planted 9.9 million acres for all purposes in 2012, up 1 percent from last year and the largest total since 1933. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 91 percent of the planted acreage, down 2 percentage points from a year ago.

Soybean producers planted 5.1 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year and second highest of record, behind only the 5.15 million acres planted in 2010. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 95 percent of the planted acreage, down from 97 percent last year.

Last fall, **winter wheat** was sown on 1.4 million acres, down 8 percent from 2011. Area for harvest, at 1.32 million, is down 9 percent from 2011.

Sorghum growers planted 165,000 acres, 10 percent more than 2011.

Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 790,000, is up 1 percent from last year. **Other types of hay**, at 1.6 million acres, are down 6 percent from a year earlier. **Dry edible bean** producers planted 165,000 acres, up 50 percent from a year earlier. **Oat** seedings, at 80,000 acres, are up 33 percent from 2011. **Proso Millet** plantings of 65,000 acres are down 19 percent from a year ago. **Sunflower** acres of 35,000 are down 41 percent from 2011. **Sugarbeet** plantings of 51,000 acres are down 1,300 acres from last year.

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