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## NEBRASKA'S 2012 CROP PRODUCTION

LINCOLN, Neb., January 11, 2013 -- **Corn** for grain production in Nebraska based on year-end surveys is estimated at 1.29 billion bushels, down 16 percent from 2011 and smallest production since 2006, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Yield of 142 bushels per acre is up 3 bushels from the November forecast, but still 18 bushels below last year. Farmers harvested 9.1 million acres of corn for grain, down 5 percent from 2011.

**Soybean** production for 2012 totaled 207 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2011. Yield, at 41.5 bushels per acre, is down 12.5 bushels from a year earlier and the lowest since 2003. Area for harvest, at 4.99 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2011.

**Sorghum** for grain production in 2012 is estimated at 3.5 million bushels, down 46 percent from 2011. Yield, at 59 bushels per acre, is down 35 bushels from a year earlier and the lowest since 2002. Area harvested for grain is 60,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from a year ago and the lowest sorghum for grain acreage since 1937.

**Hay** production totaled 4.07 million tons in 2012, down 28 percent from a year earlier. Area harvested is 2.57 million acres, up 4 percent from 2011. The average yield, at 1.58 tons per acre, is down 0.69 ton per acre from 2011 and the lowest in 36 years (1976). **Alfalfa** production is down 28 percent from a year earlier and **all other hay** production is down 27 percent.

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