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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

FARGO, N.D. June 11, 2020 - Based on June 1 conditions, North Dakota's 2020 **winter wheat** crop is forecast at 2.00 million bushels, down 46% from last year's crop, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 50,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year. This would be 83% of the planted acres, compared with last year's 82% harvested.

Special note: Survey respondents in North Dakota who reported corn and soybean acreage as not yet harvested during the surveys conducted in preparation for the Crop Production 2019 Summary, released January 12, 2020, were re-contacted in May to determine how many of those acres were actually harvested and record the actual production from those acres. When producers were surveyed in December, there were a significant number of unharvested acres of:

- Corn in Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- Soybeans in Michigan, North Dakota, and Wisconsin

Based on this updated information, several changes were made to the estimates previously published in the Crop Production 2019 Summary. Unharvested production is a component of on-farm stocks, therefore, changes were made to the December 1 on-farm stocks levels comparable with the production adjustments. Detailed estimates by State can be found on pages 14 through 18 of the national release.

2019 **corn** for grain production in North Dakota, based on the May re-contact survey, is estimated at 410 million bushels, down 9% from 2018. Yield of 131 bushels per acre is down 22 bushels from 2018. Farmers harvested 3.13 million acres of corn for grain, up 7% from 2018. This would be 89% of planted acres, compared with 2018's 93% harvested.

2019 **soybean** production in the state, based on the May re-contact survey, is estimated at 170 million bushels, down 29% from last year. Yield of 31.5 bushels per acre is down 3.5 bushels

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from 2018. Producers harvested 5.40 million acres, down 21% from 2018. This would be 96% of planted acres, compared with over 99% harvested in 2018.

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