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**2008 INDIANA SOYBEAN ACREAGE UP, CORN ACREAGE DOWN**

**Midwest Flooding**

Extensive rains and flooding during June caused producers in several Midwestern States to change their harvesting intentions for crops already planted, modify planting decisions for the small percentage of acres not yet planted, and consider replanting options. NASS collected most of the data for the annual Acreage report before the majority of the flooding occurred. In an effort to more accurately determine how many acres producers still intend to harvest for grain, NASS re-interviewed approximately 1,200 farmers June 23, 24, and 25 in the flood-affected areas. As a result, it was determined that U.S. farmers intend to harvest 90.4 percent of their planted acres of corn for grain. This is a change from 92.4 percent as measured during the first 2 weeks of June. U.S. farmers intend to harvest 96.8 percent of their planted acres of soybeans. Without this additional survey data, historical averages would have indicated 98.7 percent of soybean acres to be harvested. NASS will conduct a more extensive acreage update survey during July. Findings from this study will be incorporated in the August Crop Production report.

Based on a June 1 survey of growers, Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service forecasts the 2008 Indiana planted acreage of corn for all purposes at 5.7 million acres. This is down 12 percent from the 2007 level of 6.5 million acres. Corn acreage expected for harvest, at 5.35 million acres, is 16 percent below last year.

Soybean acreage planted or to be planted for all purposes is estimated at 5.5 million acres, 17 percent above the 2007 planted acreage level. Soybean acreage for harvest as grain is expected to total 5.2 million acres, up 11 percent from a year earlier.

Winter wheat seeded acres of 550,000 are up 31 percent from a year earlier. Area expected to be harvested for grain, at 530,000 acres, is 43 percent above a year ago and unchanged from the May 1 forecast. Wheat yield and production will be updated in the July 11 Crop Report. Oat seeded acreage of 10,000 is down 60 percent from 2007 and the acreage expected to be harvested, at 4,000 is down 50 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 640,000 acres of all hay in 2008, down 3 percent from 2007. Alfalfa hay acreage, at 320,000 is unchanged from last year, while all other hay at 320,000 acres is down 6 percent from 2007.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage is the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres. Growers expect to harvest 78.9 million acres for grain, down 9 percent from 2007. If realized, this would be the second highest since 1944, behind last year. Farmers increased corn plantings 1.31 million acres from their March intentions. Planting got off to a slow start across the Corn Belt, Ohio Valley, and the northern half of the Great Plains as frequent precipitation and cool temperatures during March and April prevented spring planting preparations. Corn planting was 27 percent complete on May 4, down 32 points from normal. Despite intermittent showers and below normal temperatures, producers were able to make rapid progress during May, particularly across the upper Midwest and northern Great Plains. Farmers reported that 97 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview compared with the average of 98 percent for the past 10 years.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2008 is estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent from last year but 1 percent below the record high acreage in 2006. Area for harvest, at 72.1 million acres, is up 15 percent from 2007. Compared with last year, planted acreage increases are expected in all States, and the U.S. planted area for soybeans is the third largest on record. The largest increase is expected in Nebraska, up 950,000 acres from 2007, followed by Illinois and South Dakota, both up 900,000 acres. Increases of at least 800,000 acres are also expected in Indiana, Iowa, and Minnesota. If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record. Nationally, farmers reported that 79 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted at the time of the survey interview, which is the lowest since 1996.

Nationally, all wheat planted area is estimated at 63.5 million acres, up 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 winter wheat planted area, at 46.6 million acres, is 4 percent above last year but down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 31.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 11.0 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2008 is estimated at 14.2 million acres, up 7 percent from 2007. Of this total, about 13.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The Durum planted area for 2008 is 2.66 million acres, up 24 percent from the previous year.

**PLANTED ACRES AND ACRES FOR HARVEST  
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2007 and 2008**

Crop	Planted Acres			Acres for Harvest		
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	08/07
	Thousands	Thousands	%	Thousands	Thousands	%
<b>INDIANA:</b>						
Corn, All Purposes	6,500	5,700	88	---	---	---
Corn for Grain	---	---	---	6,370	5,350	84
Soybeans	4,700	5,500	117	4,680	5,200	111
Winter Wheat	420	550	131	370	530	143
Oats	25	10	40	8	4	50
All Hay	---	---	---	660	640	97
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	320	320	100
Other Hay	---	---	---	340	320	94
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>						
Corn, All Purposes	93,600	87,327	93	---	---	---
Corn for Grain	---	---	---	86,542	78,940	91
Soybeans	63,631	74,533	117	62,820	72,121	115
Winter Wheat	44,987	46,605	104	35,952	40,252	112
Oats	3,760	3,467	92	1,505	1,443	96
Tobacco - All	---	---	---	356.0	348.0	98
All Hay	---	---	---	61,625	60,439	98
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	21,670	20,778	96
Other Hay	---	---	---	39,955	39,661	99