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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA, NASS, California Field Office today released the field crop acreage estimates for 2005, showing the following changes from the 2004 acreage.

COTTON: California's cotton growers planted 500 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 230 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2005. Upland acreage is down 11 percent, while American Pima acreage is up 7 percent from 2004.

CORN: As of June 1, total planted acreage of corn for all purposes is estimated at 570 thousand, a 6 percent increase over last year. California farmers expected to harvest 165 thousand acres of corn for grain in 2005, 10 percent above 2004

OATS: Oats were seeded on 280 thousand acres for 2005, up 17 percent from 2004. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 20.0 thousand acres, 20 percent below 2004

WHEAT: California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 80.0 thousand acres, 33 percent below last year. The 73.0 thousand acres for grain harvest are down 27 percent from 2004. California's seeded Wheat other than Durum acreage is 485 thousand acres, down 13 percent from 2004.

RICE: California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 521 thousand acres, 12 percent below last year. The acreage planted to long grain rice totaled 7.00 thousand acres, unchanged from 2004. Planted acreage of medium grain rice decreased 13 percent from last year to 470 thousand acres, while acreage planted to short grain rice decreased 8 percent from 2004 to 44.0 thousand acres.

BARLEY: In California, an estimated 100 thousand acres were seeded to barley for all purposes this year, down 9 percent from 2004. A total of 65.0 thousand acres is expected to be harvested for grain, 13 percent below last year.

SUGAR BEETS: California growers have planted and intended to plant 47.0 thousand acres to sugar beets, down 5 percent from last year's total planted acreage.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS: An estimated 60.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2005 season, unchanged from last year's total.

SAFFLOWER: California safflower growers planted 45.0 thousand acres in 2005. This is the first year safflower acreage has been published for California.

ALL HAY: On June 1, California growers expected to harvest 1.54 million acres of all hay in 2005, down 1 percent from 2004. Of the total, alfalfa is expected to be harvested from 1.02 million acres, 3 percent below last year. All other hay is estimated to be harvested on 520 thousand acres, up 4 percent from last year's total.

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