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CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE REPORT

SACRAMENTO -- The USDA, NASS, California Field Office today released the field crop acreage estimates for 2007, showing the following changes from the 2006 acreage.

COTTON: California's cotton growers planted 185 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 265 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2007. Upland acreage is down 35 percent, and American Pima acreage is down 4 percent from 2006. Upland planted acreage is at its lowest level on record. Additionally, 2007 marks the first time Pima acres have exceeded Upland acres in California.

CORN: Corn planted for all purposes is at an all-time high of 670 thousand acres, up 29 percent from 2006. The largest California corn acreage prior to this year was 600 thousand acres planted in 1998. California farmers expect to harvest 190 thousand acres of corn for grain in 2007, up 73 percent from last year. This is the largest corn grain acreage since the year 2000. High corn grain prices, as well as strong demand for corn used for silage by dairy farms, encouraged the record high plantings.

OATS: Oats were seeded on 200 thousand acres for 2007, down 26 percent from last year's acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 25.0 thousand acres, 25 percent above 2006.

WHEAT: California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 90.0 thousand acres, 29 percent above last year. The 85.0 thousand acres for grain harvest are up 31 percent from 2006. California's acreage seeded to Wheat other than Durum totaled 550 thousand acres, up 22 percent from 2006.

RICE: California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 522 thousand acres, down 1 percent from last year. The acreage planted to long grain rice totaled 7.00 thousand acres, a 17 percent increase from 2006. Planted acreage of medium grain rice is down 1 percent from last year at 455 thousand acres, while acreage planted to short grain rice is unchanged from 2006 at 60.0 thousand acres.

BARLEY: In California, an estimated 110 thousand acres were seeded to barley for all purposes this year, up 22 percent from 2006. A total of 60.0 thousand acres is expected to be harvested for grain, 8 percent below last year.

SUGAR BEETS: California growers have planted and intend to plant 39.5 thousand acres to sugar beets, down 9 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 2007 season, down 10 percent from last year's total.

SAFFLOWER: California safflower growers planted 50.0 thousand acres in 2007. Safflower acreage is down 11 percent from last year's total.

ALL HAY: California growers expected to harvest 1.57 million acres of all hay in 2007, down 1 percent from 2006. Of the total, alfalfa is expected to be harvested from 950 thousand acres, 10 percent below last year. All other hay is estimated to be harvested on 620 thousand acres, up 17 percent from last year's total.

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