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USDA REPORTS COMMODITY LOAN ACTIVITY AS OF MAY 5, 1998

WASHINGTON, May 12, 1998 -- A report of commodity loan activity for grains, cotton, oilseeds, honey and sugar as of May 5, 1998, was issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Detailed information showing a breakdown of each commodity by state and by farm and warehouse storage is available on the second floor, Main Lobby, of USDA's Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO and from the Economic Policy Analysis Staff of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Room 3740-S, South Building, here.

The data in this weekly report are preliminary and subject to adjustment and verification. Any needed adjustment will be made in the monthly reports of loan activity which USDA issues on or about the 10th working day of the month, depending upon availability of data.

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Price Support Loan Activity Reported as of May 5, 1998

[APRIL MONTH-END REPORT]

Item	Wheat	Corn	Grain Sorghum		Barley	Oats	
	Million Bushels		Mil. Bu.	Mil. Cwt.	Million Bushels		
1996 Crop							
Put Under Loan	194.2	970.2	20.4	11.4	28.7	1.5	
Redeemed	194.2	970.1	20.4	11.4	28.7	1.5	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
9-Mo Outstanding	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	262.5	1,116.2	17.1	9.6	32.8	2.4	
Redeemed	104.4	303.1	7.1	4.0	12.5	1.2	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
9-Mo Outstanding	158.1	813.1	10.0	5.6	20.3	1.2	
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	158.1	813.2	10.0	5.6	20.3	1.2	

Item	Soybeans	Cotton		Rice		Sugar	
		Upland 1/	ELS			Beet	Cane
	Mil. Bu.	1,000 Running Bales		Mil. Cwt.	Million Pounds		
1996 Crop							
Put Under Loan	195.9	3,339.4	39.6	68.9		1,167.7	669.9
Redeemed	195.9	3,333.3	39.6	68.9		1,167.7	669.9
Acquired by CCC	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	263.7	4,219.3	31.2	67.5		1,131.9	400.2
Redeemed	90.5	1,869.7	21.9	39.1		546.7	116.2
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	173.2	2,349.6	9.3	28.4		585.2	284.0
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	173.2	2,349.6	9.3	28.4		585.2	284.0

Item	Sunflower Seed		Flaxseed	Canola Seed	Safflower Seed	Mustard Seed	Rapeseed
	Oil	Other					
	1,000 Cwt.						
1996 Crop							
Put Under Loan	2,077	458	22	96	5		
Redeemed	2,067	458	22	96	5		
Acquired by CCC	7	0	0	0	0		
9-Mo Outstanding	3	0	0	0	0		
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	2,803	232	58	334	12	20	
Redeemed	2,062	143	24	252	2	15	
Acquired by CCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9-Mo Outstanding	741	89	34	82	10	5	
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	744	89	34	82	10	5	0

1/Cotton loans are for 10 months rather than 9 months.