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Ordinance #956, an ordinance repealing Chapter 20 1/2 of the Revised Code of Ordinances and amending Chapter 27 to include comprehensive provisions regulating signs; and

Ordinance #957, an ordinance amending certain language in Chapter 27 as a means of updating, further defining and eliminating inconsistencies in the Zoning Code related to lot frontage on cul-de-sacs, patio shading, corner lot rear yard requirements, parking stall size, yard screening, and several other administrative adiustments that reflect superseding laws, regulations and policy direc-

The ordinances can be viewed on the City's website at cityofyankton.org or at the Building Official's Office in City Hall, 416 Walnut Street, Yankton, South

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# **USDA: Wet Spring Won't** Affect Predicted Corn Crop

The U.S. Department of Agriculture shocked farmers, grain analysts and market traders Friday with a report that shows no reduction in the number of acres planted in corn, despite a soggy

spring. The annual June acreage report, based on interviews with thousands of farmers and compared with March's planting intentions report, is viewed as an accurate indication of what has been planted and provides a gauge of how the crop season is progressing.

Three months ago, farmers were expected to plant 97.3 million acres and harvest 89.5 million acres. It was widely expected that the cold and wet Midwest spring – including Iowa, the nation's leading corn producer would cut corn acres by 2 million or 3 million acres.

But Friday's USDA report showed planted corn acres rose slightly to 97.4 million and said farmers would harvest 89.1 million acres. Turns out Michigan, Nebraska and Texas planted more of the crop than expected, offsetting some of the acreage — about 300,000 in some places - lost to puddles in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"I am shocked by that," said Chad Hart, an agriculture economist with Iowa State University. "In my five years in this job that corn

planted number is the most surprising number I've ever

Many met the report with

skepticism. A lot of corn was replanted which means the yield will be maybe 80 percent of what it would have been if they hadn't had to replant so I have a lot of trouble with the USDA's final production bushel estimate,' said 74-year-old Jerry Main, who plants corn and sovbeans on about 500 acres near Fairfield in southeast

He said many farmers had a window to plant around May 24 but then weather turned cold and it rained for nearly a week straight.

"The stuff just rotted in the ground," Main said. He still has standing water in some of his fields.

The USDA said Iowa farmers planted about 200,000 fewer acres in corn than expected in March, a figure Main believes is considerably underestimated.

Elsewhere, Kansas was down about 100,000 acres, Minnesota about 300,000, and Wisconsin 150,000. Farmers in other states, however, will more than make up the difference, the report showed, with Nebraska and Texas reporting 300,000acres more than expected and Michigan showing 200,000 acres more.

Corn prices fell rapidly as the report was released, bethan expected would be available on the market – possibly a record 13.9 billion bushels of corn come har-

"Expectations were so strong that we were going to see a reduction in the planted corn acres today that this is definitely a bearish surprise," Todd Hultman, a grain analyst for Omahabased DTN, which provides farm market data. "It means we have increased supplies coming this fall."

When supplies are high for a commodity, prices generally are lower. A lower price for corn is good news for those who raise cattle, hogs and poultry and use corn as feed. It also improves profitability for the ethanol industry.

But lower prices mean lower profits for farmers who will sell their grain at harvest. Corn for delivery in December fell 24 cents to \$5.14. Last year during the drought, corn prices hit records highs exceeding \$8 a bushel.

'I would say I'm moderately concerned," Main said. "I frankly will be surprised if we don't see an improvement in the market before fall. We have a long ways to go and a lot of things can happen yet but after that fall today we're going to need some rebound in corn prices to make it work.'

# Survey: N. Dakota's Phesant **Numbers Drop Slightly**

BY JAMES MACPHERSON

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota ring-neck pheasant numbers are down slightly due to harsh winter conditions but lush nesting habitat this summer should bolster the birds' population by the fall hunting season, a state wildlife official said.

Stan Kohn, an upland game biologist with the state Game and Fish Department, said officials heard 11 percent fewer crows from ringneck roosters during the annual crowing count sur-

The survey, done each spring for more than 50 years, involves wildlife officials from who drive 20-mile routes at suirise, stopping every two miles for two minutes to listen for a male pheasant crowing to attract hens. The number of crows heard in the northwest decreased by 2 percent, the southwest by 12 percent, southeast by 11 percent and the northeast by 18 percent.

Kohn said the crowing count reflected about 13 roosters per route, down a rooster from last year and about equal to 2011. The biggest number of roosters per route was 21 in 2008, said Kohn, a veteran of 37 such counts.

The crowing survey is far from scientific, but it does gives biologists and hunters a hint of the pheasant population for the fall hunting season. As many as 100,000

hunters — one-third of whom are typically from out of state — use the forecast to plan hunting vacations.

North Dakota's pheasant season opens Oct. 12 and runs through early January. State officials said the opening of pheasant season typically attracts more visitors to North Dakota than any other event during a one-or two-week period.

Kohn said he's been busy fielding calls this week from hunters across the country attempting to get an early preview. A copy of the survey is slated to be released early next week, he said.

"Folks are starting to take a look at their calendars and making plans," he said.

Heavy rains may have hindered the first hatch of chicks this spring in southwest North Dakota — arguably the state's pheasant hunting hotbed — but a second hatch in drier conditions this summer should help bird numbers, said Devon Jesterson, an avid pheasant hunter from Richardton.

'There will definitely be some good, healthy birds but I think it's going to be down from last year," Jesterson said. He often bagged his daily three-bird limit last year with his two Labrador retrievers. "Late-season hatches are not as good as the first hatch."

Roadside brood surveys, which begin this month, give biologists a better insight on

Iowa Court Throws Out OWI

what to expect this fall, Kohn said. Early signs point toward a strong pheasant population due to near ideal nesting habitat at present.

'The birds are just now in the hatching process," Kohn said. A high chick survival rate — due to dry, "super lush" nesting cover and plentiful insects for the birds to eat — should bolster numbers, he said.

"I think pheasant numbers could respond really quickly," he said.

Kohn said hunting success this fall could mirror the 2011 season, when hunters bagged more than 683,000 roosters in North Dakota.

Over the long-term, wildlife officials increasingly worry about the loss of Conservation Reserve Program land. The federal government pays landowners to take the land out of production and plant cover crops that make ideal wildlife habitat. High commodity prices have lured many farmers out of the program.

North Dakota has lost half its CRP land since 2007, from 3.4 million acres to 1.7 million acres, said Casey Anderson, a Game and Fish private lands field operations coordinator. Another 254,000 is slated to expire this fall, he said.

The loss of CRP means decreased nesting and brooding cover that will mean fewer pheasants, Kohn and Anderson said.







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### Case, Cites Illegal Search **BY DAVID PITT** traffic violation, or equipment Associated Press problem that would provide an independent basis for the stop. Kooima failed a field so-DES MOINES, Iowa — The

Iowa Supreme Court on Friday threw out a northwest Iowa man's drunken driving conviction, saying the police stop based on an anonymous tip violated the man's constitutional protection against

improper searches

In 2010, Rock Valley businessman Leon Kooima was arrested after a charity golf event in Okoboji. Kooima was driving an SUV occupied by five other business associates, and they stopped at a restaurant on the way home. As they left, Craig Post called 911 to report an intoxicated driver, saying a vehicle with "huge money guys" leaving the restaurant, "and this thing is

full of drunks. "What bothers me is these guys get away with evervthing, 'cuz they know everybody in Rock Valley and they think they can do everything,' Post is quoted in court docu-

The anonymous tip led police officers to follow the SUV and pull it over, even though there was no erratic driving

briety test and a breath test indicated he had a blood alcohol level of 0.88, above Iowa's .080 percent limit. He was arrested, charged with drunken driving and convicted in March 2011.

Four state Supreme Court justices agreed Friday with Kooima's appeal, in which he claimed the stop was unlawful because it violated the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment protection against unlawful search and seizure. Justice David Wiggins

wrote the opinion, saying the majority concluded an anonymous tip must include personal observations of erratic driving or other facts to substantiate the allegation of drunken driving. Without some indication the tipster has personal knowledge, police would be allowed to stop drivers based on tips that could have been called in for vindictive or harassment purposes or based solely on a hunch or rumor, the court

The justices threw out Kooima's conviction and said any evidence gathered after the stop — including the breath test and the field sobriety test — cannot be used if he's tried again. The court made it clear

that it does not condone drunken driving but said their oath requires them to uphold the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court. They said dispatchers should try to get clear statements from anonymous callers to ensure tips have specifics enough to indicate an illegal activity that would satisfy the Fourth Amendment.

Justices Edward Mansfield, Mark Cady and Thomas Waterman dissented and said they would find the police stop lawful. Mansfield wrote that the caller observed behavior that was sufficient to meet the constitutional requirements.

"The reality is that here we have publicly observable criminal activity, plus additional verifiable details provided by the caller that would indicate the caller likely had been observing the situation for some time (i.e., in the bar) before it moved onto the public curbside — which in fact was the case," he wrote.