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Corn, soybean prospects remain promising in Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the October Crop Production report today, showing good yield prospects despite recent hurricanes.

“Farmer participation in the October Agricultural Yield Survey allowed us the opportunity to properly assess damage from rains and wind generated by recent hurricanes since our September forecasts,” said Debra Kenerson, Tennessee State Statistician. “We appreciate their cooperation. The survey results show that the damage occurred primarily in preventing harvest of acreages lost to flooding and lodging. Yield prospects remain promising, with all but cotton and tobacco showing an increase in expected yields. Expected cotton yields remained steady while tobacco yields were expected to decrease because of the wet weather.”

Corn production in **Tennessee** is forecast at 120 million bushels, down nine percent from the September forecast and down four percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 170 bushels per acre, up two bushels from last month and up 19 bushels from the 2016 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 705,000 acres, down 125,000 acres from 2016. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 14.3 billion bushels, down six percent from 2016. Based on conditions as of Oct. 1, yields are expected to average 171.8 bushels per acre, down 2.8 bushels from 2016. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the September forecast, but down 4 percent from 2016.

Soybean production for **Tennessee** is forecast at 83 million bushels, up one percent from the September forecast and up 13 percent from 2016. Yield was estimated at 50 bushels per acre, up two bushels from last month and up five from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.66 million acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.43 billion bushels, up three percent from last year. Based on Oct. 1, conditions, yields are expected to average 49.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 89.5 million acres, up one percent from September and up eight percent from 2016.

Tennessee cotton production is projected to be 740,000 bales, up 29 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,045 pounds per acre, down 59 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 340,000 acres, and up 90,000 acres from 2016. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 21.1 million bales, up 23 percent from 2016. Yields are forecast to average 889 pounds per acre, up 22 from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 11.4 million acres, forecast and up 20 percent from the previous year.

Tennessee burley tobacco production is forecast at 18 million pounds, down six percent from the September forecast and up 11 percent from 2016. Yield was projected at 1,500 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from last month and up 150 pounds from the 2016 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged from last year's crop. For the **burley producing States** production is forecast at 166 million pounds, up

three percent from the September forecast and up 19 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 81,500 acres, up two percent from 2016. Yields were expected to average 2,032 pounds per acre, up 285 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 21.8 million pounds, up 27 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 3.84 million pounds, forecast and up 64 percent from last year.

Other hay production is estimated at 4.26 million tons, up 10 percent from last year.

NASS gathered data for the October Agricultural Yield Survey earlier this month. The monthly yield surveys begin in May with the focus on small grains through July and shifts to row crops beginning in August through the remainder of the growing season.

All reports are available on the NASS website:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports_by_date.php.

For more information about Tennessee surveys and reports, call Debra Kenerson at the NASS Tennessee Field Office at (615) 891-0903, or (800) 626-0987, or visit

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Tennessee/.

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**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, October 1
TENNESSEE AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017 ²	2016	2017		2016	2017
						Sep 1 ¹	Oct 1 ²		
TENNESSEE									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	880	760	830	705	151.0	168.0	170.0	125,330	119,850
Soybeans ³	1,660	1,690	1,630	1,660	45.0	48.0	50.0	73,350	83,000
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	400	370	335	275	73.0	70.0	--	24,455	19,250
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
Other, All	--	--	1,800	1,850	2.15	--	2.30	3,870	4,255
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	255	345	250	340	1,104	1,045	1,045	575	740
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	20,200	21,100	1,767	2,209	2,066	35,690	43,590
Burley	--	--	12,000	12,000	1,350	1,600	1,500	16,200	18,000
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	7,000	7,500	2,450	3,100	2,900	17,150	21,750
Dark Air-Cured	--	--	1,200	1,600	1,950	2,600	2,400	2,340	3,840
UNITED STATES									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	94,004	90,429	86,748	83,119	174.6	169.9	171.8	15,148,038	14,280,112
Soybeans ³	83,433	90,207	82,696	89,471	52.0	49.9	49.5	4,296,086	4,430,621
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	36,152	32,696	30,237	25,291	55.3	50.2	--	1,672,582	1,269,437
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
Other, All	--	--	36,576	36,407	2.09	--	2.08	76,518	75,886
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	10,073	12,619	9,508	11,405	867	908	889	17,170	21,115
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	319,660	321,280	1,967	2,248	2,253	628,720	723,697
Burley	--	--	80,000	81,500	1,747	1,970	2,032	139,750	165,625
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	16,760	19,280	2,358	3,075	3,005	39,520	57,932
Dark Air-Cured	--	--	6,000	7,600	1,670	2,679	2,558	10,020	19,440

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.