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## September 1 Crop Production

Alabama received large amounts of rain brought by Fay and Gustav in parts of the state peaking out with 6.83 inches received at Sand Mountain. The main concern for Alabama growers was the aftermath of the storms and whether their crops would sustain through the high wind and rain. The storm proved to be beneficial in some areas, but the wet soil made harvesting difficult for some growers. The **corn** condition as of August 31 was rated 67 percent in fair to excellent condition with 98 percent of the crop reaching the dent stage. Corn harvest slowed in some areas of the state due to rain brought by Fay and Gustav. Corn acres harvested reached 30 percent, one percent less than the five year average. The corn yield is forecast at 92 bushels per acre with production expecting to total 21,160,000 bushels. The **cotton** crop yield potential was not affected by the storm. Cotton condition was rated 86 percent in fair to excellent condition, with 99 percent cotton setting bolls and 44 percent bolls opening. The cotton lint yield is forecast at 714 pounds per acre with cotton production expected to reach 424,000 bales. In different areas of the state, **soybeans** benefited from the inches of rain brought by Fay and Gustav. The condition for soybeans was 73 percent fair to excellent, with 97 percent of soybeans blooming and 86 percent soybeans setting pods. The yield for soybeans is expected to average 28 bushels per acre, giving a production of 8,680,000 bushels. **Peanuts** conditions were 98 percent fair to excellent condition. Majority of the peanuts have reached the pegging stage as of late August. The peanut yield is estimated at 3,000 pounds per acre and production forecast at 573,000,000 pounds. The **potato** yield for the September 1 forecast was 180 cwt. from 1,300 harvested acres.

### Acres, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, September 1

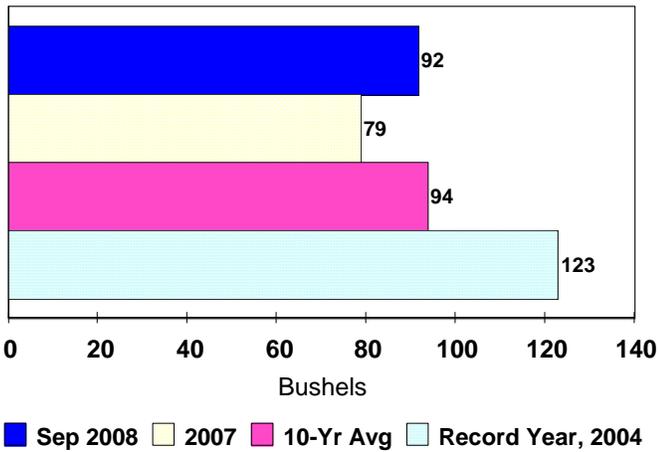
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	400	290	385	285	519	714	416	424
Corn for grain	Bu.	340	250	280	230	79	92	22,120	21,160
Hay	Ton	-	-	800	850	1.7	2.6	1,360	2,210
Soybeans	Bu.	190	330	180	310	21	28	3,780	8,680
Peanuts	Lb.	160	195	157	191	2,600	3,000	408,200	573,000
Potatoes, Summer	Cwt.	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	140	180	182	234
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	10,827	9,414	10,489	7,830	879	849	19.2	13.8
Corn for grain	Bu.	93,600	86,977	86,542	79,290	151	152	13,073.9	12,072.4
Hay	Ton	-	-	61,625	60,439	2.4	2.5	150.3	148.0
Soybeans	Bu.	63,631	74,783	62,820	73,341	41	40	2,585.2	2,933.9
Peanuts	Lb.	1,230	1,533	1,195	1,494	3,130	3,188	3,740.7	4,762.5
Potatoes	Cwt.	1,149	1,058	1,130	1,041	396	-	446.8	-

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

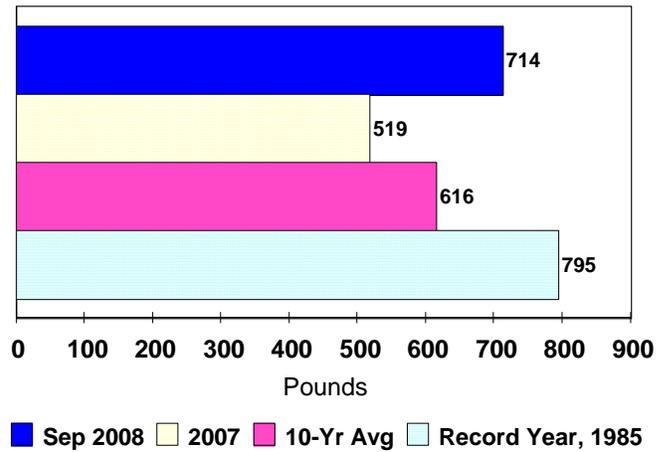
Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

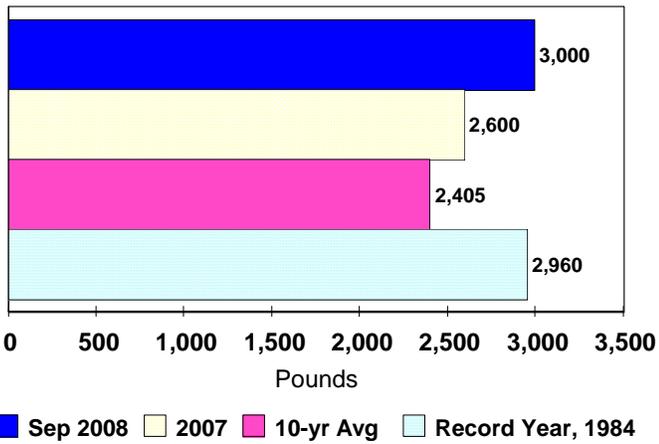
## Corn Yield



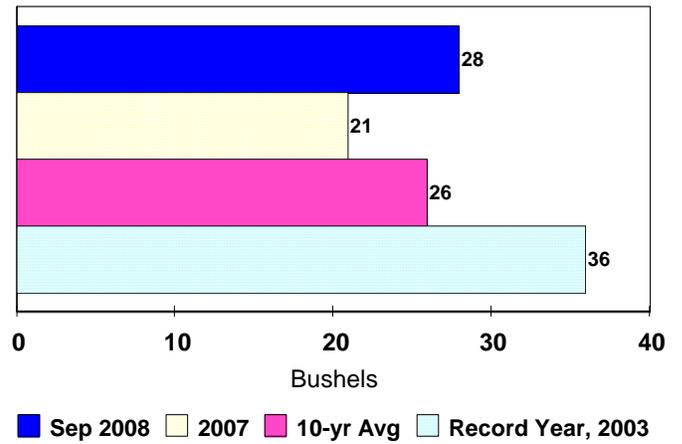
## Cotton Yield



## Peanut Yield



## Soybean Yield



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