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August 1 Crop Production

Alabama crop production has shown improvement with this year's crop, given the fact that there has been substantial rain throughout the state, especially in the areas that were affected by the drought in 2007. Adequate rain and soil moistures continue to be a key element for the cause and effect of this year's crop. The **corn** condition as of August 3rd was rated 65 percent fair to excellent condition with 95 percent of the crop reaching the dent stage and 70 percent reaching the dough stage. The corn yield was forecasted at 95 bushels per acre, up 16 bushels from last year, giving a production of 21,850,000 bushels. **Cotton** crop condition was rated 88 percent in the fair to excellent condition, with 98 percent cotton squaring and 73 percent setting bolls. The cotton lint yield, as of August 1, was set at 701 pounds per acre; with cotton production being forecasted at 438,000 bales. The cotton in North Alabama was maturing rapidly while cotton in the South Alabama was blooming from knee to chest high. **Soybean** yield had increased slightly by 3 bushels from previous year to 24 bushels per acre. The conditions for soybeans were 67 percent fair to excellent, along with 73 percent of soybeans blooming and 41 percent soybeans setting pods. The yield for soybeans was estimated at 24 bushels per acre, giving a production of 7,440,000 bushels. The crop progress for **peanuts** continued to be scattered with stands in excellent shape and others being below normal, yet peanuts still showed 92 percent fair to excellent condition. Peanut yield was estimated at 2,700 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from previous year. **Hay** yields were expected at 2.6 tons per acre and production being 2,210,000 tons. Pasture and range conditions were rated 71 percent in fair to excellent condition. Adequate soil moisture conditions have helped with the expectations of a good **potato** crop, with a yield forecasted at 150 cwt per acre.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, August 1

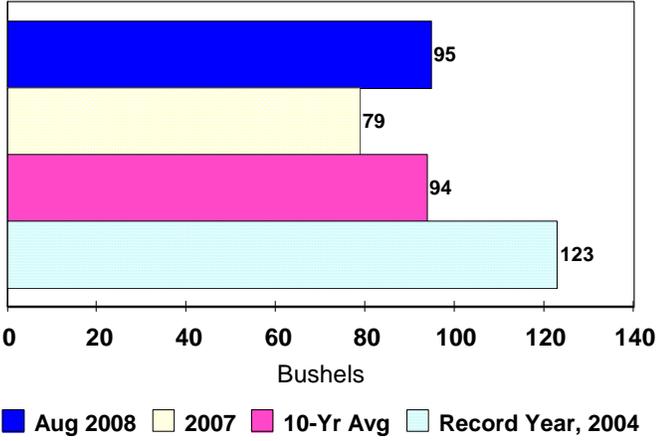
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008	2007	Indicated 2008
ALABAMA		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	400	310	385	300	519	701	416	438
Corn for grain	Bu.	340	250	280	230	79	95	22,120	21,850
Hay	Ton	-	-	800	850	1.7	2.6	1,360	2,210
Soybeans	Bu.	190	330	180	310	21	24	3,780	7,440
Peanuts	Lb.	160	220	157	216	2,600	2,700	408,200	583,200
Potatoes, Summer	Cwt.	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	140	150	182	195
UNITED STATES		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	10,827	9,246	10,489	7,849	879	842	19.2	13.8
Corn for grain	Bu.	93,600	86,977	86,542	79,290	151	155	13,073.9	12,287.9
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	41	2,585.2	2,972.6
Peanuts	Lb.	1,230	1,461	1,195	1,426	3,130	3,151	3,740.7	4,493.4
Potatoes	Cwt.	1,149	1,057	1,130	1,040	397	-	448.4	-

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

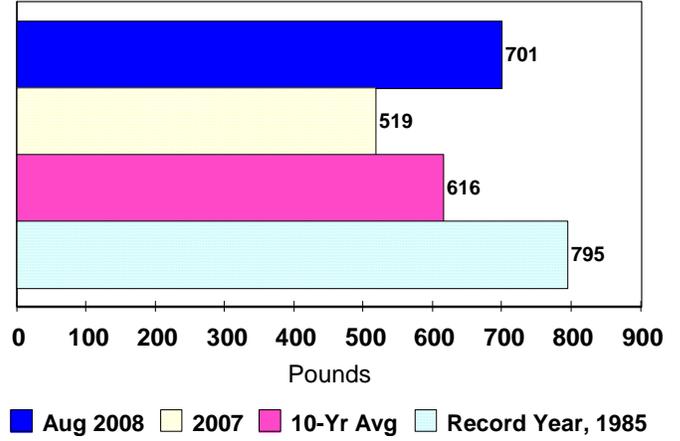
Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around August 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

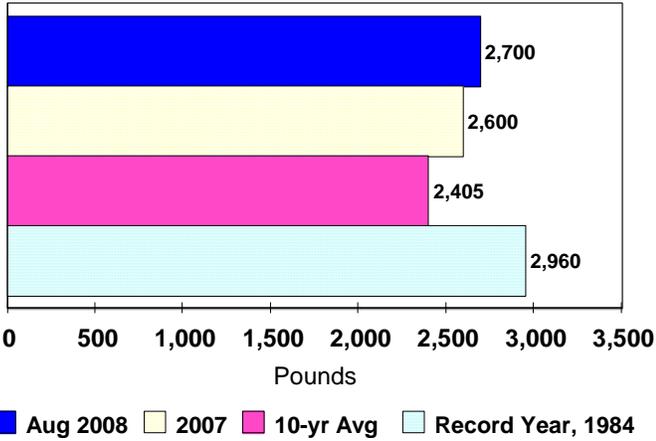
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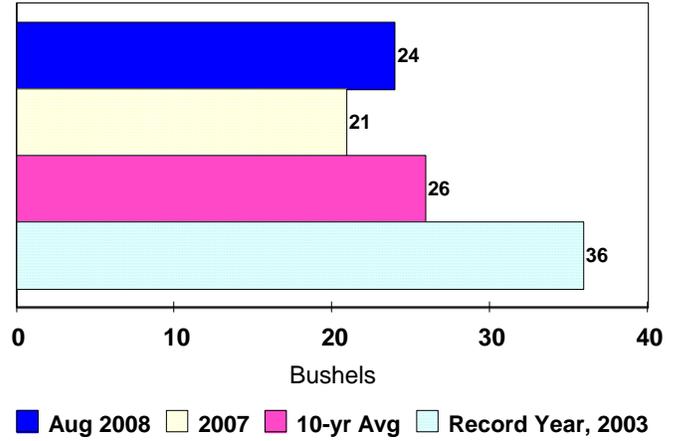
Cotton Yield



Peanut Yield



Soybean Yield



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