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## August 1 Crop Production

A second consecutive year of drought conditions has reduced potential yields for Alabama's crops as reported by farmers during the August 1 crop production survey. As of August 1, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicated that counties from Central to North Alabama were continuing to experience the D4 or exceptional drought conditions. With little to no rain throughout the state, the top soil moisture was 77 percent very short to short. The **corn** crop as of August 5<sup>th</sup> was rated 77 percent very poor to poor with 65 percent of the crop having reached the dent stage. The corn yield was forecasted at 65 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year. About 48 percent of **cotton** crop condition was rated in the fair to good condition, with 94 percent cotton squaring and 66 percent setting boils. August 1 cotton lint yield was set at 652 pounds per acre, a 73 pounds per acre increase from 2006. Cotton production was forecasted at 530,000 bales. Some growers have bailed their second cutting of **hay**, yet the level of supply was still very short. The hay crop was expected to yield 1.7 tons per acre and production was 1,360,000 tons, down 6 percent from last year. Forty-four percent of **peanuts** were in good to excellent condition with most fields showing good stands. Peanut yield was expected at 2,300 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from previous year. A higher percentage of **soybean** acreage was late planted in 2007, mainly due to double cropping. Insect and disease pressure has remained relatively low. Soybean conditions were 42 percent fair to good, with 85 percent of soybean bloomed and 45 percent setting pods. The yield for soybeans was estimated at 26 bushels per acre, giving a production of 4,420,000 bushels. Low soil moisture, due to dry weather, has also taken its toll on the **potato** crop, expected to yield 120 cwt per acre, down 30 cwt from 2006.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007	2006	Indicated 2007
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	575	400	560	390	579	652	675	530
Corn for grain	Bu.	200	300	165	240	72	65	11,880	15,600
Hay	Ton	-	-	720	800	2.0	1.7	1,440	1,360
Soybeans	Bu.	160	180	150	170	20	26	3,000	4,420
Peanuts	Lb.	165	150	163	147	2,500	2,300	407,500	338,100
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	150	120	240	168
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand -				- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	15,274	11,058	12,732	10,636	814	783	21.6	17.3
Corn for grain	Bu.	78,327	92,888	70,648	85,418	149.1	152.8	10,534.9	13,053.6
Hay	Ton	-	-	60,807	61,789	2.33	2.35	141.7	145.3
Soybeans	Bu.	75,522	64,081	74,602	63,285	42.7	41.5	3,188.2	2,625.3
Peanuts	Lb.	1,243	1,187	1,209	1,158	2,874	2,909	3,474.5	3,368.7
Potatoes, Irish	Cwt.	1,135	1,150	1,116	1,132	390	-	434.6	-

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.

Farm Real Estate: Average Value per Acre 1/, January 1, 2002 - 2007

States	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 06-07
	Dollars						Percent
Alabama	1,700	1,760	1,860	2,400	2,750	3,100	12.7
Florida	2,720	2,900	3,100	5,400	7,280	7,570	4.0
Georgia	2,050	2,200	2,350	3,200	3,900	4,500	15.4
South Carolina	1,900	2,050	2,150	2,400	2,600	2,900	11.5
Southeast States	2,140	2,270	2,420	3,530	4,420	4,820	9.0

1/ Includes land and buildings.

Cropland: Average Value per Acre, January 1, 2002 - 2007

States	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 06-07
	Dollars						Percent
Alabama	1,600	1,700	1,800	2,450	2,950	3,400	15.3
Florida	3,730	3,690	3,810	7,220	8,770	9,480	8.1
Georgia	1,970	2,150	2,260	2,750	3,730	4,440	19.0
South Carolina	1,600	1,750	1,850	2,050	2,150	2,500	16.3
Southeast States	2,240	2,350	2,460	3,660	4,550	5,150	13.2

Pasture: Average Value per Acre, January 1, 2002 - 2007

States	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 06-07
	Dollars						Percent
Alabama	1,300	1,350	1,420	1,950	2,150	2,450	14.0
Florida	1,950	2,100	2,250	5,150	7,500	8,350	11.3
Georgia	2,500	2,750	2,950	5,600	7,300	8,150	11.6
South Carolina	1,750	1,900	2,000	2,300	2,550	3,000	17.6
Southeast States	1,870	2,010	2,150	4,200	5,750	6,500	13.0

Alabama Cropland and Pasture: Average Cash Rent per Acre, January 1, 2002 - 2007

States	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 06-07
	Dollars						Percent
Cropland	36.00	35.00	33.00	40.00	39.00	41.00	5.1
Pasture	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	18.50	19.50	5.4

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