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## December 1 Crop Production

November brought much needed rains that provided moisture that improved the soil moisture throughout the state. The December U.S. Drought Monitor showed 49.2 percent in the D4 or exceptional drought conditions. Fields need more moisture for the sub-soil level. **Cotton** harvesting continues to near completion and cotton gins are closing much earlier as the season comes to an end. **Winter wheat** planting was nearly completed but lags behind last year somewhat because of the lack of soil moisture. **Cotton** harvested was 90 percent, up 4 percent from 2006. Cotton forecast remains at 390,000 harvested acres, lint yield at 492 pounds per acre, and production at 400,000 bales. **Pecan** growers produced 15 million pounds, up 6 million pounds from last year. The halfway mark has shown evidence that the pecan crop will be larger than expected. Dry weather has limited disease and insect problems and nut quality has been very good.

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2006	2007	2006	Dec 1, 2007	2006	Dec 1, 2007
		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	560	390	579	492	675	400
Corn for grain 2/	Bu.	165	255	72	73	11,880	18,615
Soybeans 2/	Bu.	150	175	20	20	3,000	3,500
Peanuts 2/	Lbs.	163	157	2,500	2,400	407,500	376,800
Pecans	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	6,000	15,000

1/ Yield per acre in pounds. 2/ Yield and production carried forward from earlier estimates.

**Note:** Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around November 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time. Next forecast report will be published January 11, 2008.

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