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CROP PRODUCTION



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FLORIDA

WEATHER: Rainfall continued as July began and conditions for most crops improved. The central and southern regions of Florida received significant precipitation. Throughout the Panhandle, rain showers were occurring, but less frequently. During mid-month, Pasco County reported relatively large amounts of hay being baled. Adequate rains continued in central and southern Florida. The Panhandle and northern Peninsula received lighter precipitation which encouraged crops, but soils quickly dried out. Cotton in Washington and Jackson counties was doing well; however, cotton planted late was growing slowly. By late July, small quantities of hay were being baled in Marion County. In Hendry County, hay was in good condition. The peanut crop was being treated for tobacco worms, but 79% of peanuts were rated good or excellent as of July 27. As cotton emerged, growers practiced weed control. Sugarcane that went dormant because of the spring drought, began to return to normal.

COTTON: Production is expected to total 107 thousand bales compared to 116 thousand bales harvested last year. Yield per acre is set at 734 pounds, up 7 percent from the 687 pounds per acre for the 2007 crop. Acreage to be picked is estimated at 70,000 acres, down 11,000 acres from a year ago.

PEANUTS: Harvested acreage is forecast at 110,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from last year. Yield is expected to average 3,200 pounds per acre, up 500 pounds from the 2007 crop yield. Production is set at 352 million pounds, up from the 321 million pounds produced last year.

SUGARCANE: Production for both sugar and seed is set at 15.7 million tons, up 11 percent from the 14.2 million tons produced last year. Yield is expected to average 39.4 tons per acre versus 36.1 tons per acre in 2007. Producers expect to harvest 400,000 acres for the season, compared to 393,000 acres harvested during the 2007 crop.

UNITED STATES

COTTON: Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.2 million 480-pound bales, 28 percent below 2007. Producers in the Southeast region are expecting increased yields from last year, while producers in Texas expect a lower yield than the record high received in 2007. Upland cotton producers expect to harvest 7.66 million acres of the 9.04 million acres planted. Harvested acres are down 25 percent from last year and the lowest since 1983.

PEANUTS: Production is forecast at 4.49 billion pounds, up 20 percent from last year's crop and up 30 percent from 2006. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.43 million acres, unchanged from June but up 19 percent from 2007. Yields are expected to average 3,151 pounds per acre, 21 pounds per acre above last year. Planted acres, at 1.46 million, are unchanged from the June estimate but 19 percent above 2007.

SUGARCANE: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2008 is forecast at 30.4 million tons, up 2 percent from last year. Expected production increases in Florida, Hawaii, and Texas more than offset a projected decrease in Louisiana. Producers intend to harvest 868,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 2008 crop year, down 3,000 acres from the June forecast and 11,100 acres below last year. Expected yield is estimated at 35.0 tons per acre, up 0.9 ton from last year.

TOBACCO: All tobacco production for 2008 is forecast at 796 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Area harvested is forecast at 350,440 acres, 2 percent below last year. Yields for 2008 are expected to average 2,271 pounds per acre, 80 pounds greater than 2007.

CORN: Production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year but 17 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 155 bushels per acre, up 3.9 bushels from last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the second highest on record, behind last year when producers harvested the most acres of corn for grain since 1933. Growers expect to harvest 79.3 million acres for grain, up 350,000 acres from June but 8 percent lower than last year.

SOYBEANS: Production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 15 percent from last year but down 7 percent from the record high production of 2006. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.5 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from 2007. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, up 2 percent from June and up 17 percent from 2007.

CROP PRODUCTION: Acreage for harvest and forecasts of yield and production for Florida and United States as of August 1, 2008 with comparisons

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2007	For harvest 2008	2007	Indicated 2008		2007	Indicated 2008
	<i>Thousands</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
FLORIDA							
Cotton	81	70	687	734	1/	116	107
Peanuts	119	110	2,700	3,200	Lbs.	321,300	352,000
Potatoes:							
Winter	2/	2/	2/	2/	Cwt	2/	2/
Spring ^{3/}	27.2	27.9	287	288	Cwt	7,807	8,037
Sugarcane	393	400	36.1	39.4	Ton	14,177	15,760
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Corn for grain	86,542	79,290	151.1	155.0	Bu.	13,073,893	12,287,875
Cotton, All ^{4/}	10,489.1	7,848.9	879	842	1/	19,206.9	13,766.8
Hay, Alfalfa	21,670	20,778	3.35	3.41	Ton	72,575	70,944
Hay, All Other	39,955	39,661	1.95	1.94	Ton	77,729	77,011
Peanuts for nuts	1,195	1,426	3,130	3,151	Lbs.	3,740,650	4,493,400
Potatoes:							
Winter ^{3/}	11.5	11.0	215	240	Cwt	2,473	2,640
Spring ^{3/}	70.2	67.7	282	289	Cwt	19,820	19,573
Summer ^{3/}	51.3	45.5	332	321	Cwt	17,032	14,627
Fall ^{3/}	996.7	916.2	410	5/	Cwt	409,082	5/
Rice	2,748	2,879	7,185	7,116	6/	197,456	204,882
Sorghum for grain	6,805	6,442	74.2	63.7	Bu.	504,993	410,134
Soybeans for beans	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.5	Bu.	2,585,207	2,972,577
Sugarbeets	1,246.8	1,051.8	25.6	24.1	Ton	31,912	25,319
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	899.6	868.5	34.1	35.0	Ton	29,969	30,420
Tobacco, All	356.0	350.4	2,191	2,271	Lbs.	779,899	796,009
Wheat:							
Winter	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.6	Bu.	1,515,989	1,874,857
Durum	2,112	2,583	33.9	33.5	Bu.	71,686	86,573
Other spring	12,947	13,751	37.0	36.4	Bu.	479,047	500,988

^{1/}Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

^{2/}Winter potatoes combined with spring.

^{3/}Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

^{4/}Includes both upland and Amer-Pima cotton.

^{5/}First forecast in November.

^{6/}Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.