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SPRINGFIELD, IL -- The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **September Crop Production Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

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The 2007 Illinois **corn** crop is expected to yield 180 bushels, up 2 bushels from the August forecast, and 17 bushels higher than last year's yield. If realized, total corn production would be 2.34 billion bushels, 29 percent more than was produced in 2006. If realized, this would be the highest production total ever and would tie the yield per acre record set in 2004. While the southern districts have been very hot and dry, the northern districts received substantial rains during the month of August. Crop progress continues to remain ahead of last year and the 5-year average with a significant portion of the crop already mature and harvest moving ahead.

The forecast yield for **soybeans** is 46 bushels per acre, down one bushel from the August 1 forecast and down two bushels from last year. Production is expected to total 381.8 million bushels, 21 percent below last year. Rains received during the month of August caused flooding in the northern portion of the state while the southern portion continued to suffer from drought conditions. Temperatures were above normal during much of the month. As of September 2, 43 percent of the soybeans were turning yellow, compared to 15 percent last year and the five-year average of 26 percent. The soybean condition rating decreased during the month of August from 68 percent rated good or excellent on August 5 to 55 percent on September 2.

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Corn production is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 26 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from August and 6.7 bushels above last year. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. Production would be the largest on record as growers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Expected yields are higher than last month across the northern and central Great Plains and Corn Belt where heavy rainfall during the month provided much-needed moisture for the crop. Yield forecasts in the southern Great Plains and Delta are also higher than last month as early harvest results are better than anticipated. Yields are unchanged or lower than August across much of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States. The September objective yield forecasted ears per acre were a record high, surpassing the previous record set in 2004. Record high stalk and ear counts were recorded in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Minnesota had a record high number of plants per acre while the indicated ears per acre were the highest since 2004

Soybean production is forecast at 2.62 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast and down 18 percent from last year's record high. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 1.3 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower across the central Corn Belt, the Tennessee Valley, and the Southeast. Hot, dry conditions contributed to most of the decline, especially in Kentucky and Tennessee, down 8 bushels and 9 bushels from last month, respectively. However, yields increased from the August 1 forecast in the northern Great Plains and northwestern Corn Belt, as beneficial rains fell during the month of August. The September objective yield pod counts are down slightly from the final 2006 survey results, despite pod counts being higher or unchanged in 5 of the 7 major soybean producing States. Hot, dry weather across southern Illinois and Missouri hindered pod setting and development in those two States.

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CORN, 2006 - September 1, 2007

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	1,857	2,089	1,824	2,046	176	194	321,025.8	396,924
Northeast	1,045	1,245	1,028	1,229	176	186	181,420.1	228,594
West	1,069	1,234	1,055	1,217	158	188	166,525.8	228,796
Central	1,619	1,904	1,603	1,879	175	192	280,172.7	360,768
East	1,596	1,855	1,581	1,831	174	186	274,834.1	340,566
West Southwest	1,612	1,838	1,597	1,812	153	190	244,447.8	344,280
East Southeast	1,490	1,721	1,468	1,696	149	168	218,832.6	284,928
Southwest	484	627	472	613	123	116	58,058.5	71,196
Southeast	528	687	522	677	138	124	72,132.6	83,948
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SOYBEANS, 2006 - September 1, 2007

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	1,070	821	1,065	816	52	54	55,380.7	44,064
Northeast	790	674	786	669	51	51	40,088.5	34,119
West	943	774	939	771	47	50	44,160.6	38,550
Central	1,252	943	1,247	938	53	54	66,139.4	50,652
East	1,382	1,119	1,376	1,113	52	55	71,565.8	61,215
West Southwest	1,295	1,077	1,288	1,071	47	46	60,538.3	49,266
East Southeast	1,669	1,421	1,660	1,413	47	47	78,020.6	66,411
Southwest	899	798	894	793	37	26	33,117.5	20,618
Southeast	800	723	795	716	42	24	33,388.6	16,905
ILLINOIS	10,100	8,350	10,050	8,300	48	46	482,400.0	381,800

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