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

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The 2010 Illinois **corn** crop is expected to yield 180 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last year's yield and equal to the record yield set in 2004. Production of corn for grain would be 2.23 billion bushels, up 9 percent from 2009. Favorable conditions led to very early planting dates followed by generally good growing weather with mostly adequate rainfall, although temperatures were somewhat excessive. Crop progress has been far ahead of last year and also ahead of the five-year average. As of August 1, 64 percent of the crop was in the dough stage, compared to 15 percent last year and 37 percent for the five-year average. Corn condition was rated 19 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 22 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 4 percent very poor as of August 1.

Soybean production in 2010 is expected to reach 453.3 million bushels, 5 percent above last year's production. Yield is forecast at 49 bushels per acre, three bushels above last year but 1 bushel below the record yield in 2004. As of August 1, the condition of the soybean crop was rated 3 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. As of August 1, 55 percent of the crop was setting pods, compared to 17 percent last year and 45 percent for the five-year average.

The 2010 **winter wheat** yield is estimated at 54 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast, but two bushels below the 2009 yield. With 325 thousand acres harvested for grain, production would equal 17.6 million bushels, 62 percent below last year.

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UNITED STATES

Corn production is forecast at a record high 13.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous record set in 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 165.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last year's record of 164.7. Forecasted yields are higher than last year across the upper Mississippi Valley and upper Great Lakes region where moderate temperatures and adequate soil moisture provided favorable growing conditions. Expected yields were also higher compared with last year across the southern Great Plains and lower Mississippi Valley. Yield prospects are lower in both the Atlantic Coast region and Tennessee Valley due to above normal temperatures and dry conditions.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.43 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record high yield. Compared with last year, yields are forecast higher across the northern tier States, with increases of 4 bushels or more in Minnesota, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. With the exceptions of Illinois and South Carolina, yields are forecast down or unchanged across the central part of the soybean growing region, extending from the central Great Plains to the East Coast and down into the Southeast. The Mid-Atlantic States are expecting the largest declines from last year, as Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia are all expecting yields to be down more than 10 bushels from 2009 due to very hot and dry weather this summer. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 78.0 million acres, unchanged from June but up 2 percent from 2009.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.52 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and up slightly from 2009. The United States yield is forecast at 47.5 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 3.3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, trailing only 1999. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.1 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 1.03 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 260 million bushels, is down 3 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 3 percent from last month and now totals 234 million bushels. Of this total, 18.6 million bushels are Hard White and 215 million bushels are Soft White.

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CORN, 2009 - August 1, 2010

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	2,039	2,091	2,004	2,061	175	193	350,636.0	397,773
Northeast	1,132	1,168	1,114	1,146	166	189	185,097.3	216,594
West	1,170	1,177	1,157	1,158	180	168	208,449.6	194,544
Central	1,762	1,627	1,743	1,601	183	189	318,976.7	302,589
East	1,760	1,665	1,740	1,640	181	181	315,391.9	296,840
West Southwest	1,738	1,814	1,717	1,789	176	185	302,275.0	330,853
East Southeast	1,461	1,683	1,430	1,658	163	173	233,024.7	286,834
Southwest	449	662	422	644	155	155	65,259.4	99,820
Southeast	489	713	473	703	157	151	74,089.4	106,153
ILLINOIS	12,000	12,600	11,800	12,400	174	180	2,053,200.0	2,232,000

SOYBEANS, 2009 - August 1, 2010

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	903	886	898	882	47	52	42,078.8	45,864
Northeast	701	672	699	669	46	48	32,145.5	32,112
West	846	871	842	864	48	48	40,624.7	41,472
Central	1,087	1,204	1,079	1,198	51	51	55,121.8	61,098
East	1,258	1,325	1,252	1,320	53	52	66,068.8	68,640
West Southwest	1,182	1,207	1,176	1,199	47	52	55,210.6	62,348
East Southeast	1,699	1,581	1,693	1,574	41	47	69,612.2	74,487
Southwest	902	843	893	837	40	44	35,799.5	36,828
Southeast	822	711	818	707	41	43	33,438.1	30,401
ILLINOIS	9,400	9,300	9,350	9,250	46	49	430,100.0	453,250

WINTER WHEAT, 2009 - August 1, 2010

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	32.9	17	31.2	16	66	67	2,066.6	1,072
Northeast	36.9	18	34.7	17	69	68	2,402.9	1,156
West	34.6	13	33.3	12	53	36	1,758.3	432
Central	29.3	17	27.7	16	62	63	1,721.6	1,008
East	42.8	25	39.8	24	71	64	2,817.5	1,536
West Southwest	108.4	31	105.5	28	56	46	5,885.8	1,288
East Southeast	159.9	61	155.3	58	53	57	8,233.3	3,306
Southwest	261.3	130	252.0	118	54	48	13,555.5	5,664
Southeast	143.9	38	140.5	36	53	58	7,478.5	2,088
ILLINOIS	850.0	350	820.0	325	56	54	45,920.0	17,550

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