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

ILLINOIS

As of October 1, **corn** for grain yield in Illinois was expected to be 177 bushels per acre, up five bushels from the September 1 forecast. Production is estimated to be 2.1 billion bushels, down 8 percent from last year's crop. Planted and harvested acres were both revised up by 100,000 acres to 12.3 and 11.9 million based on recently available administrative data. The first half of September had well above normal precipitation from the remnants of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike while temperatures were below normal. The second half of September saw only lighter precipitation with temperatures well above normal. These weather conditions favored additional development for the late planted crop. As of October 5, 77 percent of the crop was mature with 10 percent harvested. This compares to 100 percent mature and 71 percent harvested last year at this time.

The October 1 forecast yield for **soybeans** was expected to be 45 bushels per acre, up three bushels from the September 1 estimate. Production was expected to total 411.8 million bushels, 14 percent above last year. Acres planted and harvested were revised up to 9.3 and 9.15 million, 200,000 more than the previous estimates. As of October 5, 22 percent of the crop had been harvested compared to 61 percent last year and the average of 47 percent.

The final yield for the 2008 **winter wheat** crop was 64 bushels per acre, up seven bushels from last year's yield. Acreage seeded in the fall of 2007 was 1.2 million acres, up 200 thousand acres from 2006. Farmers harvested 1.15 million acres for grain this year, up 29 percent from the previous year. This resulted in a total production of 73.6 million bushels, 45 percent more than the 2007 production.

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Corn production is forecast at 12.2 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 7 percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 154.0 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from September and 2.9 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, behind 2004, and production will be the second largest, behind last year. Yield forecasts are lower than last month across the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys and eastern Corn Belt as dry conditions during September continued to adversely affect the late developing corn crop. Forecasted yields also decreased in parts of the Delta and Missouri where excessive moisture and high winds from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike stressed the crop. Yield prospects improved in the central Corn Belt, central Great Plains, and upper Mississippi Valley as September rains brought much needed moisture to the region.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.98 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and up 11 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.5 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 2.2 bushels from 2007. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged across the Corn Belt and Great Plains, with the exception of Illinois and Kansas. Yields increased or are unchanged from the September 1 forecast across the Southeast, the lower Mississippi Valley, and the mid-Atlantic States. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 75.5 million acres, up 3 percent from last month and up 18 percent from 2007.

All wheat: Production totals 2.50 billion bushels in 2008, up 2 percent from the August forecast and up 21 percent from 2007. Grain area is 55.7 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.9 bushels per acre, up 1.4 bushels from the last forecast and up 4.4 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.87 billion bushels, up 23 percent; other spring wheat, 547 million bushels, up 14 percent; Durum wheat, 84.9 million bushels, up 18 percent.

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CORN, 2007- October 1, 2008

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	2,163	2,086	2,135	2,022	186	184	397,074.8	372,048
Northeast	1,242	1,194	1,229	1,161	185	177	227,409.1	205,497
West	1,236	1,196	1,219	1,161	184	183	224,333.7	212,463
Central	1,883	1,705	1,868	1,669	193	195	360,529.8	325,455
East	1,844	1,679	1,829	1,636	184	177	336,567.1	289,572
West Southwest	1,851	1,722	1,835	1,656	170	181	311,935.1	299,736
East Southeast	1,729	1,559	1,710	1,487	160	162	273,616.8	240,894
Southwest	590	558	573	532	123	150	70,450.7	79,800
Southeast	662	601	652	576	126	140	81,832.9	80,835
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SOYBEANS, 2007- October 1, 2008

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	778	909	777	883	51	49	39,627	43,267
Northeast	627	690	626	683	49	46	30,674	31,418
West	766	808	765	786	46	47	35,190	36,942
Central	988	1,192	987	1,170	52	50	51,324	58,500
East	1,168	1,307	1,166	1,289	54	47	62,964	60,583
West Southwest	1,049	1,201	1,044	1,184	41	44	42,804	52,096
East Southeast	1,442	1,611	1,439	1,596	40	42	57,560	67,032
Southwest	804	850	801	839	27	42	21,627	35,238
Southeast	678	732	675	720	27	37	18,410	26,674
ILLINOIS	8,300	9,300	8,280	9,150	43.5	45	360,180	411,750

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