



Production Forecasts Lowered

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Kansas **corn** production is expected to total 318.0 million bushels, down 5 percent from August 1 but up 10 percent from the previous year's production of 290.0 million bushels. Planted acreage is 2.9 million acres, down 350,000 acres from a year ago. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 2.65 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the August forecast but 6 percent above last year. Corn yields are expected to average 120 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from the August forecast but 4 bushels above last year's yield. Thirty-eight percent of the State's corn was mature as of August 31, the same as both last year and the 5-year average. Condition of

The acreage for harvest at 3.2 million acres, down 200,000 acres from the August forecast but is up 200,000 acres from 2002. As of August 31, 40 percent of the sorghum acreage was turning color, compared to 58 percent last year and the average of 61 percent. Seven percent of the acreage across the State was mature, compared to 10 percent last year and 16 percent for the 5-year average. Condition of the crop was 11 percent good to excellent, 30 percent fair, and 59 percent poor to very poor.

the crop was rated 20 percent good to excellent, 33 percent fair, and 47 percent poor to very poor.

Soybean production is forecast at 52.0 million bushels, down 23 percent from August 1 and 11 percent smaller than last year's crop. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 2.6 million acres, unchanged from August 1 but up 2 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 20 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from August 1 and 3 bushels below 2002. Twenty percent of the acreage was dropping leaves as of August 31, compared to 12 percent last year. Condition was rated 12 percent good to excellent, 35 percent fair, and 53 percent poor to very poor.

Sorghum grain production is forecast at 137.6 million bushels, down 17 percent from August 1 but up 2 percent from last year's production of 135.0 million bushels. Kansas still leads the Nation in sorghum production. Yields are expected to average 43 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from the August forecast and 2 bushels below last year's yield. Planted acreage is 3.7 million acres, down 100,000 acres from 2002.

Kansas Crop Production, September 1, 2003

Crop & Unit	Planted ^{1/}		Harvested		Yield per Acre ^{2/}		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres				Per Unit		(000's)	
Winter Wheat, bu. ^{3/}	9,600	10,300	8,100	9,700	33	49	267,300	475,300
Corn Grain, bu.	3,250	2,900	2,500	2,650	116	120	290,000	318,000
Sorghum Grain, bu.	3,800	3,700	3,000	3,200	45	43	135,000	137,600
Soybeans, bu.	2,750	2,700	2,540	2,600	23	20	58,420	52,000
Dry Beans, cwt. ^{3/ 4/}	18.0	12.0	14.5	11.0	1,100	1,700	160.0	187.0
Cotton, 480 lb. bales ^{3/ 4/}	80.0	125.0	68.0	113.0	539	637	76.3	150.0
All Hay, tons ^{3/}	-	-	3,250	3,100	2.14	2.34	6,965	7,265
Alfalfa Hay, tons ^{3/}	-	-	950	950	3.70	3.80	3,515	3,610
Other Hay, tons ^{3/}	-	-	2,300	2,150	1.50	1.70	3,450	3,655

^{1/} Planted for all purposes. ^{2/} Production divided by harvested acres rounded to whole bushels.

^{3/} Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast. ^{4/} Yield in pounds.

U.S. Crop Production

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 10 percent above 2002. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels per acre from August but up 8.5 bushels from last year. If realized, both the yield and production would be the second largest on record. The record for both was set in 1994 when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 138.6 bushels per acre. Acreage for harvest as grain is estimated at 71.8 million acres, down slightly from August but up 4 percent from 2002.

from 2002. The forecast U.S. yield, at 51.0 bushels per acre, is down 3.4 bushels from August but up 0.3 bushel from 2002.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, down 8 percent from August 1 and 3 percent below 2002. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 36.4 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from August. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 72.6 million acres, unchanged from August 1 but up 1 percent from 2002.

Production of **sorghum grain** is forecast at 410 million bushels, down 9 percent from August but up 11 percent from 2002. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain, at 8.04 million acres, is 2 percent below last month but up 10 percent

All **wheat** production is placed at 2.29 billion bushels, unchanged from the August forecast but 42 percent above 2002. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month.

United States Crop Production, September 1, 2003

Crop & Unit	Planted ^{1/}		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres				Per Unit		(000's)	
All Wheat, bu. ^{2/}	60,358	60,940	45,817	52,677	35.3	43.5	1,616,441	2,291,825
Corn Grain, bu.	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,815	130.0	138.5	9,007,659	9,944,418
Sorghum Grain, bu.	9,580	9,777	7,299	8,041	50.7	51.0	369,758	410,145
Soybeans, bu.	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,626	37.8	36.4	2,729,709	2,642,644
All Hay, tons ^{2/}	-	-	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.49	150,962	160,018
Alfalfa Hay, tons ^{2/}	-	-	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.31	73,824	77,952
Other Hay, tons ^{2/}	-	-	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77,138	82,066

^{1/} Planted for all purposes. ^{2/} Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.



Kansas Crop Production Forecast, September 1, 2003, by Districts

Crop And District	Acres Planted, All Purposes		Acres Harvested for Grain			Yield per Acre		Production		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	% Prev. Year	2002	2003	2002	2003	% Prev. Year
	----- 1,000 Acres -----					Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
CORN										
Northwest	500	420	263	340	129	111	121	29,145	41,000	141
West Central	238	230	119	190	160	90	132	10,680	25,000	234
Southwest	774	540	693	520	75	168	184	116,480	95,900	82
North Central	224	190	138	170	123	99	110	13,720	18,700	136
Central	133	120	94	110	117	118	123	11,110	13,500	122
South Central	358	370	313	350	112	150	150	46,960	52,500	112
Northeast	520	480	428	450	105	62	62	26,330	27,800	106
East Central	283	290	244	275	113	68	75	16,620	20,600	124
Southeast	220	260	208	245	118	91	94	18,955	23,000	121
State	3,250	2,900	2,500	2,650	106	116	120	290,000	318,000	110
SOYBEANS										
Northwest	65	70	54	68	126	40	40	2,160	2,740	127
West Central	24	30	20	29	145	25	21	500	610	122
Southwest	77	100	71	98	138	45	48	3,195	4,660	146
North Central	306	315	250	280	112	20	19	5,000	5,200	104
Central	202	175	166	172	104	23	22	3,800	3,790	100
South Central	229	225	218	220	101	39	37	8,522	8,240	97
Northeast	612	630	575	609	106	22	15	12,650	8,860	70
East Central	641	625	615	600	98	19	15	11,408	8,730	77
Southeast	594	530	571	524	92	20	18	11,185	9,170	82
State	2,750	2,700	2,540	2,600	102	23	20	58,420	52,000	89

Kansas Ranked 5th in Agricultural Exports

Kansas rose to 5th place among the 50 states as an exporter of agricultural products during fiscal year (FY) 2002, according to data released by the Economics Research Service, USDA, and Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Exports from five of the top ten states increased. The total value of Kansas exports, at over \$3.0 billion, is up 1 percent from the previous fiscal year. Most of the increase came from the Soybeans & Products, Feed Grains & Products, and Animal Fats categories. Kansas accounted for 5.6 percent of the \$53.3 billion U.S. agricultural exports in FY 2002.

Kansas was ranked in 1st place for Wheat & Products and

Feeds & Fodders. The export numbers show Kansas ranking 2nd Nationally for Live Animals & Meat, Hides & Skins, and Animal Fats. Other top ten rankings for Kansas were Sunflower Seed & Oil (3rd place with \$25.0 million), Feed Grains & Products (5th place with \$519.5 million), and Soybeans & Products (10th place with \$221.4 million).

Live Animals & Meat comprised 25 percent of the total Kansas exports and 12 percent of all U.S. Live Animal & Meat exports. Wheat & Products accounted for 23 percent of the State total and 15 percent of the National All Wheat & Products exports. Feed Grains & Products tallied 17 and 8 percent of the State and U.S. exports, respectively.

Kansas Agricultural Exports

Commodity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	Million Dollars				
Wheat & Products	859.9	814.7	742.7	617.4	695.1
Feed Grains & Prod.	474.4	522.6	512.2	472.4	519.5
Live Animals & Meat (Excluding Poultry)	695.9	748.7	957.8	881.6	748.4
Hides & Skins	239.5	202.9	278.7	387.9	322.6
Soybeans & Products	291.7	178.4	203.4	123.5	221.4
Feeds & Fodders	283.2	302.4	317.7	364.1	349.3
Animal Fats	118.8	104.5	80.4	62.9	84.7
Seeds	22.4	22.2	24.2	19.7	22.3
Sunflower Seed & Oil	20.5	16.6	22.8	15.7	25.0
Dairy Products	3.4	2.5	0.7	0.0	0.0
Other	17.5	14.2	15.2	17.5	17.3
Total	3,027.2	2,929.7	3,155.8	2,962.7	3,005.6