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### Kansas Soybean Production Up, Corn and Sorghum Down

Kansas **corn** production is expected to total 493.2 million bushels, 6 percent below the previous forecast and 5 percent less than last year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain, at 3.6 million acres, is down 8 percent from the previous forecast and 3 percent lower than 2007. Corn yields are expected to average 137 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from September 1 but 3 bushels below the previous year. Planted acres are 3.8 million, down 300,000 from the previous forecast and 100,000 less than in 2007.

**Sorghum** grain production is forecast at 209.0 million bushels, unchanged from the previous forecast, but down 1 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 76 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but 4 bushels below last year's yield. Acreage for harvest as grain is 2.75 million acres, unchanged from September 1 but up 100,000 acres from 2007. Acres planted are 2.90 million, up 50,000 from September 1 and 100,000 from 2007.

**Soybean** production in Kansas is forecast at a record high 115.2 million bushels, up 6 percent from September 1 and 34 percent higher than last year's crop. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 3.2 million acres, up 100,000 acres from September 1 and 23 percent higher than last year. Yields are expected to average 36 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from September 1 and 3 bushels above 2007. Acres planted are 3.3 million, up 100,000 from September 1, and 25 percent higher than 2007. Planted and harvested acres, if realized, are also at record high levels, surpassing the previous highs of 2006.

Kansas **sunflower** production is forecast at 310.8 million pounds, up 33 percent from last year. Harvested acreage, at 225,000, is up 64,000 acres from last year. The yield is expected to average 1,381 pounds per acre, down 74 pounds from last year.

**All hay** production is estimated to total 6.84 million tons, up 7 percent from 2007. Harvested acreage is 2.78 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

Kansas **wheat** production for 2008 is estimated at 356.0 million bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast but 25 percent higher than 2007. Yield is estimated at 40.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the August forecast and 7 bushels above 2007. Acres harvested for grain totaled 8.9 million acres, down 500,000 acres from the previous forecast but 300,000 higher than 2007. A total of 9.5 million acres were planted to wheat for harvest in 2008, down 400,000 from the August forecast and 500,000 acres less than the previous year.

Estimates of Kansas corn and soybean production by district are shown on the following page.

**Kansas Crop Production Forecast, October 1, 2008**

Crop and Unit	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested		Yield Per Acre <sup>2</sup>		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Per Unit-----		-----1,000 -----	
Winter Wheat, bu. <sup>3</sup>	10,400	9,500	8,600	8,900	33	40	283,800	356,000
Oats, bu. <sup>3</sup>	90	60	35	25	38	53	1,330	1,325
Barley, bu. <sup>3</sup>	20	17	13	10	48	37	624	370
Corn Grain, bu.	3,900	3,800	3,700	3,600	140	137	518,000	493,200
Sorghum Grain, bu.	2,800	2,900	2,650	2,750	80	76	212,000	209,000
Soybeans, bu.	2,650	3,300	2,610	3,200	33	36	86,130	115,200
All Sunflowers, lbs. <sup>4</sup>	172	242	161	225	1,455	1,381	234,250	310,750
Dry Beans, cwt. <sup>5</sup>	6.5	6.0	6.0	5.5	2,300	2,100	138	116
All Cotton, 480 lb. bales <sup>5</sup>	47	35	43	28	639	686	57.2	40.0
All Hay, tons	-	-	2,900	2,780	2.20	2.46	6,370	6,842
Alfalfa Hay, tons	-	-	800	780	3.50	3.90	2,800	3,042
Other Hay, tons	-	-	2,100	2,000	1.70	1.90	3,570	3,800
Pecans, lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	1,500

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes. <sup>2</sup> Production divided by harvested acres rounded to whole units. <sup>3</sup> Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.

<sup>4</sup> Estimates for oil and non-oil varieties will be published in the "Crop Production 2008 Summary" in January 2009. <sup>5</sup> Yield in pounds.

### Kansas Crop Production Forecast, October 1, 2008, By Districts

Crop and District	Acres Planted, All Purposes		Acres Harvested for Grain			Yield per Acre		Production		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	% of Prev Yr	2007	2008	2007	2008	% of Prev Yr
-----1,000 Acres-----						---Bushels---		---1,000 Bushels---		
<b>CORN</b>										
Northwest	716	660	692	630	91	128	118	88,250	74,500	84
West Central	411	350	385	330	86	114	114	43,890	37,500	85
Southwest	848	830	802	790	99	187	180	150,050	142,000	95
North Central	224	230	210	210	100	129	127	27,170	26,700	98
Central	131	140	119	130	109	135	131	16,010	17,000	106
South Central	395	430	382	410	107	155	150	59,060	61,500	104
Northeast	560	530	541	510	94	128	133	69,020	68,000	99
East Central	288	290	275	270	98	115	119	31,680	32,000	101
Southeast	327	340	294	320	109	112	106	32,870	34,000	103
<b>State</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>518,000</b>	<b>493,200</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>SOYBEANS</b>										
Northwest	38	69	37	67	181	45	42	1,661	2,814	169
West Central	12	17	12	16	133	37	44	440	710	161
Southwest	53	84	52	80	154	48	49	2,518	3,920	156
North Central	362	464	359	450	125	38	40	13,630	18,000	132
Central	249	288	248	277	112	32	37	7,984	10,249	128
South Central	265	352	261	339	130	34	39	8,836	13,221	150
Northeast	568	736	563	718	128	43	37	24,273	26,566	109
East Central	587	795	571	770	135	24	33	13,644	25,510	187
Southeast	466	495	447	483	108	25	29	11,164	14,210	127
<b>State</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>84,150</b>	<b>115,200</b>	<b>137</b>

### U.S. Crop Production

**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. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data, bringing total corn planted area to 86.9 million acres, down 68,000 acres from the August forecast. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 79.2 million acres, down 93,000 acres from the previous forecast. If realized, area harvested for grain will be the second largest on record since 1944, behind the 86.5 million acres harvested last year.

**Sorghum grain** production is forecast at 464 million bushels, up 9 percent from last month but down 8 percent from last year. Based on administrative information, acreage updates were made in several States. Planted area was updated to 8.13 million acres, up 12 percent from the previous forecast and up 5 percent from 2007. Area for harvest as grain is forecast at 7.24 million acres, up 13 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 64.1 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from September and 10.1 bushels from last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.98 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and 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. Updates to planted acreage were made in several States based on administrative data. Planted area was updated to a record high 77.0 million acres, an increase of 3 percent from the August estimate and up 19 percent from 2007. Area for harvest is forecast at 75.5 million acres, up 3 percent from last month and up 18 percent from 2007. Harvested area, if realized, will be the largest on record.

### United States Crop Production, October 1, 2008

Crop and Unit	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Per Unit-----		-----1,000-----	
All Wheat, bu.	60,433	63,047	51,011	55,685	40.5	44.9	2,066,722	2,499,524
Winter Wheat, bu.	44,987	46,181	35,952	39,614	42.2	47.2	1,515,989	1,867,903
Oats, bu.	3,760	3,217	1,505	1,395	60.9	63.5	91,599	88,635
Barley, bu.	4,020	4,234	3,508	3,767	60.4	63.6	211,825	239,498
Rye, bu.	1,376	1,260	289	269	27.4	29.7	7,914	7,979
Corn Grain, bu.	93,600	86,909	86,542	79,197	151.1	154.0	13,073,893	12,199,908
Sorghum Grain, bu.	7,718	8,128	6,805	7,236	74.2	64.1	504,993	464,186
Soybeans, bu.	64,736	76,983	64,141	75,479	41.7	39.5	2,675,822	2,983,023
All Sunflowers, lbs. <sup>2</sup>	2,068.0	2,527.0	2,009.5	2,405.0	1,436	1,449	2,886,065	3,484,740
Canola <sup>3</sup>	1,183	1,035	1,163	1,006	1,250	1,514	1,453,830	1,523,246
Dry Beans, cwt. <sup>3</sup>	1,526.9	1,502.9	1,478.7	1,434.6	1,716	1,772	25,371	25,423
Potatoes, Summer, cwt.	53.7	48.5	51.2	46.2	332	324	16,997	14,946
All Cotton, bales <sup>3</sup>	10,827.2	9,414.0	10,489.1	7,755.0	879	849	19,206.9	13,711.0
All Hay, tons	-	-	61,625	60,439	2.44	2.49	150,304	150,500
Alfalfa Hay, tons	-	-	21,670	20,778	3.35	3.44	72,575	71,424
Other Hay, tons	-	-	39,955	39,661	1.95	1.99	77,729	79,076
Pecans, lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	385,305	204,060
Apples, lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,113.9	9,242.2

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes. <sup>2</sup> Estimates for oil and non-oil varieties will be published in the "Crop Production 2008 Summary" in January 2009. <sup>3</sup> Yield in pounds.

### Kansas Grain Stocks

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions on September 1 totaled 273.6 million bushels, 3 percent below last year's total. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 246.6 million bushels, a decrease of 5 percent from a year ago. Wheat stored off the farm accounted for 90 percent of all wheat stocks. Wheat in farm storage totaled 27.0 million bushels, up 23 percent from last September.

**Sorghum grain** in all positions totaled 29.8 million bushels, up from 16.1 million bushels last year. Off-farm holdings of 28.0 million bushels were up from 14.8 million bushels last year. Sorghum grain stored off the farm accounted for 94 percent of the total sorghum stocks. On-farm stocks of 1.8 million bushels were up 500,000 bushels from a year ago.

**Corn** stocks in all locations, at 59.4 million bushels, were up 5 percent from a year ago. Off-farm corn stocks of 49.4 million bushels were up from 45.1 million bushels last year and accounted for 83 percent of total corn stocks. On-farm stocks of 10.0 million bushels were 13 percent below last September.

Kansas **soybeans** stored in all positions totaled 5.9 million bushels, down dramatically from 25.5 million bushels from last year. Off-farm locations held 5.3 million bushels, down 17.8 million bushels from last year, and accounted for 90 percent of total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks of 600,000 bushels are 1.8 million bushels less than last year.

**Oats** stored at off-farm locations totaled 436,000 bushels, down from 499,000 in September 2007.

**Barley** stored at off-farm locations totaled 26,000 bushels, compared with 52,000 a year earlier.

### Stocks of Grain , September 1, 2008, with Comparisons

Grain	Position	Kansas			United States		
		Sept 1,	June 1,	Sept 1,	Sept 1,	June 1,	Sept 1,
		2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008
-----1,000 Bushels-----							
All Wheat	On Farms	22,000	650	27,000	495,000	25,635	635,000
	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	260,143	39,789	246,617	1,221,927	280,183	1,221,576
	TOTAL	282,143	40,439	273,617	1,716,927	305,818	1,856,576
Sorghum Grain	On Farms	1,300	3,500	1,800	2,150	7,000	3,550
	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	14,802	48,817	28,037	29,903	94,019	49,200
	TOTAL	16,102	52,317	29,837	32,053	101,019	52,750
Corn	On Farms	11,500	33,000	10,000	460,100	1,970,900	499,950
	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	45,123	115,004	49,441	843,547	2,057,117	1,124,200
	TOTAL	56,623	148,004	59,441	1,303,647	4,028,017	1,624,150
Oats	On Farms	*	*	*	53,650	16,100	52,800
	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	499	317	436	34,710	50,674	66,275
	TOTAL	*	*	*	88,360	66,774	119,075
Barley	On Farms	*	*	*	105,600	9,950	127,070
	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	52	23	26	83,095	58,273	80,369
	TOTAL	*	*	*	188,695	68,223	207,439
Soybeans	On Farms	2,400	3,500	600	143,000	226,600	47,000
	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	23,080	19,164	5,290	430,810	449,543	158,034
	TOTAL	25,480	22,664	5,890	573,810	676,143	205,034

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, & processors. \* Not published to avoid disclosure.

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