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Kansas Corn Production Forecast at Record High

Kansas **corn** production is forecast at a record high 522.6 million bushels, unchanged from August 1 but up 1 percent from the previous year's production of 518.0 million bushels. Planted acreage is 4.10 million acres, up 5 percent from a year ago. If realized, this will be the highest planted acres since 1936. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 3.90 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but 200,000 acres above last year. Corn yields are expected to average 134 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August forecast but 6 bushels below last year's yield. Only fifteen percent of the State's corn was mature as of August 31, compared to 35 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. At that date, harvest had not yet begun. Condition of the crop was rated 51 percent good to excellent, 36 percent fair, and 13 percent poor to very poor.

Sorghum grain production is forecast at 209.0 million bushels, up 7 percent from August 1 but 1 percent below last year's production of 212.0 million bushels. Yields are expected to average 76 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the August forecast but 4 bushels below last year's

yield. Planted acreage is 2.85 million acres, up 50,000 acres from 2007. The acreage for harvest, at 2.75 million acres, is unchanged from the August forecast but up 100,000 acres from 2007. As of August 31, 40 percent of the sorghum acreage was turning color, compared to 57 percent last year and the 5-year average of 47 percent. Three percent of the acreage across the State was mature, the same as last year but behind the 5-year average of 5 percent. Condition of the crop was 59 percent good to excellent, 29 percent fair, and 12 percent poor to very poor.

Soybean production is forecast at 108.5 million bushels, up 9 percent from August 1, and 29 percent above last year's crop. Acreage for harvest is expected to total 3.10 million acres, unchanged from August 1 but up 22 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 35 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from August 1 and 2 bushels above 2007. Eighty-eight percent of the soybeans were podded as of August 31, compared to 91 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Condition was rated 68 percent good to excellent, 27 percent fair, and 5 percent poor to very poor.

Kansas Crop Production, September 1, 2008

Crop & Unit	Planted ¹		Harvested		Yield Per Acre ²		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Per Unit-----		-----('000's)-----	
Winter Wheat, bu. ³	10,400	9,900	8,600	9,400	33	39	283,800	366,600
Corn Grain, bu.	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,900	140	134	518,000	522,600
Sorghum Grain, bu.	2,800	2,850	2,650	2,750	80	76	212,000	209,000
Soybeans, bu.	2,600	3,200	2,550	3,100	33	35	84,150	108,500
Potatoes, Summer, cwt.	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8	365	310	1,789	1,488
Cotton, 480 lb. bales ⁴	47.0	35.0	43.0	28.0	639	617	57.2	36.0
All Hay, tons ³	-	-	2,900	2,780	2.2	2.4	6,370	6,686
Alfalfa Hay, tons ³	-	-	800	780	3.5	3.7	2,800	2,886
Other Hay, tons ³	-	-	2,100	2,000	1.7	1.9	3,570	3,800

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 12.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and 8 percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 152.3 bushels per acre, down 2.7 bushels from August but 1.2 bushels above last year. If realized, yield will be the second highest on record, behind 2004, while production will be the second largest, behind last year. Yield forecasts are lower than last month across the northern and eastern Corn Belt and the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys where the lack of rainfall during August reduced soil moisture supplies and stressed the crop. Yield prospects also decreased across much of the middle Mississippi Valley and adjacent areas of the Great Plains as dry weather during August eliminated soil moisture surpluses.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 13 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 1.2

bushels from 2007. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in the mid-Atlantic States, the central and eastern Corn Belt, Louisiana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Yields increased or are unchanged from the August 1 forecast across the Southeast and the remainder of the Great Plains. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 17 percent from 2007.

Sorghum: Production is forecast at 426 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 6.44 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 5 percent from 2007. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 66.1 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month but down 8.1 bushels from last year. In Kansas, the top producing State, yield is expected to average 76 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last month but down 4 bushels from last year. In Texas, the second leading State, yields are expected to average 52 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month but 14 bushels below last year.

United States Crop Production, September 1, 2008

Crop & Unit	Planted ¹		Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Per Unit-----		-----('000's)-----	
All Wheat, bu. ²	60,433	63,457	51,011	56,586	40.5	43.5	2,066,722	2,462,418
Corn Grain, bu.	93,600	86,977	86,542	79,290	151.1	152.3	13,073,893	12,072,365
Sorghum Grain, bu.	7,718	7,301	6,805	6,442	74.2	66.1	504,993	425,572
Soybeans, bu.	63,631	74,783	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.0	2,585,207	2,933,888
Potatoes, Summer, cwt.	53.7	48.5	51.2	46.2	332	324	16,997	14,946
Cotton, 480 lb. bales	10,827.2	9,414.0	10,489.1	7,830.0	879	849	19,206.9	13,846.0
All Hay, tons ²	-	-	61,625	60,439	2.44	2.45	150,304	147,955
Alfalfa Hay, tons ²	-	-	21,670	20,778	3.35	3.41	72,575	70,944
Other Hay, tons ²	-	-	39,955	39,661	1.95	1.94	77,729	77,011

¹ Planted for all purposes ² Estimate carried forward from earlier forecast.

Kansas Crop Production Forecast, September 1, 2008, By Districts

Crop and District	Acres Planted, All Purposes		Acres Harvested for Grain			Yield per Acre		Production		
	2007	2008	2007	2008	% Prev. Year	2007	2008	2007	2008	% Prev. Year
	-----1,000 Acres-----			---Bushels---		----1,000 Bushels----				
CORN										
Northwest	716	730	692	700	101	128	115	88,250	80,500	91
West Central	411	400	385	380	99	114	112	43,890	42,500	97
Southwest	848	870	802	830	103	187	178	150,050	148,000	99
North Central	224	240	210	220	105	129	125	27,170	27,500	101
Central	131	140	119	130	109	135	129	16,010	16,800	105
South Central	395	490	382	470	123	155	148	59,060	69,500	118
Northeast	560	540	541	520	96	128	130	69,020	67,500	98
East Central	288	350	275	330	120	115	115	31,680	38,000	120
Southeast	327	340	294	320	109	112	101	32,870	32,300	98
State	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,900	105	140	134	518,000	522,600	101
SOYBEANS										
Northwest	38	68	37	66	178	45	42	1,661	2,765	166
West Central	12	17	12	16	133	37	44	440	710	161
Southwest	53	81	52	77	148	48	47	2,518	3,655	145
North Central	362	450	359	436	121	38	37	13,630	16,039	118
Central	249	278	248	267	108	32	35	7,984	9,473	119
South Central	265	339	261	326	125	34	37	8,836	12,138	137
Northeast	568	717	563	699	124	43	35	24,273	24,591	101
East Central	587	771	571	746	131	24	34	13,644	25,388	186
Southeast	466	479	447	467	104	25	29	11,164	13,741	123
State	2,600	3,200	2,550	3,100	122	33	35	84,150	108,500	129

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