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Michigan September 1 Crop Forecast

Michigan farmers anticipating higher corn, soybean and sugarbeet yields this year than they harvested last year, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan farmers anticipate harvesting 2.05 million acres of corn for grain, up 50 thousand acres from last year and 2.01 million acres of soybeans, down 230 thousand acres from last year.

Favorable precipitation across most of the major field crop growing areas of Michigan in August resulted in farmers anticipating higher yields than they did a month ago. As of August 27, Michigan corn was 24 percent dented, 5 points lower than the 5-year average. As of August 27, eighty-five percent of Michigan soybeans were setting pods, six points lower than the 5-year average.

Nationally, the forecasted 2023 U.S. corn crop, at 15.1 billion bushels, is up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 10 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 173.8 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.3 bushels from the previous forecast but up 0.5 bushel from last year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data. Total planted area, at 94.9 million acres, is up 1 percent from the previous estimate and up 7 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 10 percent from the previous year.

The 2023 U.S. soybean crop is forecast at 4.15 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 3 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 50.1 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from the previous forecast but up 0.6 bushel from 2022. Total planted area, at 83.6 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 4 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.8 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 4 percent from 2022. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2022 - 2023

Commodity		Michigan		United States	
		2022	2023	2022	2023
Corn, all					
Planted	1,000 acres	2,350	2,400	88,579	94,868
Corn, grain					
Harvested	1,000 acres	2,000	2,050	79,207	87,096
Yield	Bushels	168.0	173.0	173.3	173.8
Production	1,000 bu	336,000	354,650	13,729,719	15,133,911
Soybeans					
Planted	1,000 acres	2,250	2,020	87,450	83,600
Harvested	1,000 acres	2,240	2,010	86,336	82,791
Yield	Bushels	47.0	49.0	49.5	50.1
Production	1,000 bu	105,280	98,490	4,276,123	4,146,036
Sugarbeets	·······	,	,	, ,	, ,
Planted		139.0	133.0	1,159.5	1,132.3
Harvested		138.0	131.0	1,137.1	1,118.6
Yield	Tons	28.8	33.5	28.6	31.5
Production		3,974	4,389	32,574	35,259