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**MINNESOTA CORN & SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH**

**CORN** production is forecast at 1.12 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the August forecast but down 6 percent from the record high corn production in 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Based on September 1 conditions, the yield is forecasted at 164.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels per acre from August. This is down 10 bushels per acre from the record high yield set in 2005.

**SOYBEAN** production for Minnesota, as of September 1, is forecasted at 288 million bushels. This is up 8 percent from the August forecast and down 6 percent from 2005. Soybean yield is forecast at 40.0 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from August and down 5 bushels per acre from 2005.

**SUGARBEET** production is forecast at 11.4 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast. If realized, this would surpass the record production, set in 2003, by 14%. Yield is forecast at 23.0 tons per acre, up 0.3 tons per acre from August and up 2.6 tons per acre from last year. If realized, this would break the previous record high yield of 21.5 tons per acre, set in 2000.

**U.S. HIGHLIGHTS**

**CORN** production is forecast at 11.1 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and fractionally above 2005. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 154.7 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from August and 6.8 bushels from last year. If realized, yield and production would be the second largest on record, behind 2004. Forecast yields are higher than August across the northern Great Plains and western Corn Belt as moderate to heavy precipitation during the month improved soil moisture levels and crop conditions. Expected yields across the eastern Corn Belt are unchanged from last month. Farmers expect to harvest 71.8 million acres of corn for grain, down 250,000 acres from August and down 4 percent from 2005.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 6 percent from the August forecast and up slightly from the 2005 crop. If realized, this would be the second highest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 2.2 bushels from August but down 1.5 bushels from last year's record high yield. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher across the Corn Belt and most of the northern and central Great Plains. Near or above normal moisture in those areas during August improved crop conditions. In contrast, yields are down or unchanged from the August 1 forecast across the Gulf Coast States and Atlantic Coast States, with the exception of South Carolina.

**SUGARBEET** production for 2006 is forecast at 32.4 million tons, 2 percent above the August forecast and 18 percent above last year's production. Growers in the 11 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.34 million acres, down fractionally from last month but 8 percent above last year. The yield is forecast at 24.1 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton from August and 1.9 tons above 2005. Production forecasts are up from last year for all States, except California and Michigan. The largest increases are in the Red River Valley, where Minnesota and North Dakota growers expect to produce 22 and 35 percent more than in 2005, respectively.

**MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION FORECAST**

COMMODITY	Acres Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2005 (000)	2006 (000)	2005	2006		2005 (000)	2006 (000)
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
<b>MINNESOTA</b>							
CORN (Bu)	6,850	6,800	174.0	160.0	164.0	1,191,900	1,115,200
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,800	7,200	45.0	37.0	40.0	306,000	288,000
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	460.0	496.0	20.4	22.7	23.0	9,384	11,408
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
CORN (Bu)	75,107	71,841	147.9	152.2	154.7	11,112,072	11,113,766
SOYBEANS (Bu)	71,361	73,935	43.3	39.6	41.8	3,086,432	3,092,970
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,242.9	1,343.6	22.2	23.7	24.1	27,537	32,390