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

**CORN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.21 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 10 percent from 2006 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 158 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month but down from last year's yield of 161 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested area is estimated at 7.7 million acres, up 12 percent from last year.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 260 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month's forecast but down 18 percent from last year's record high production. Soybean yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month's forecast but down 2 bushels from 2006. Soybean harvested area is estimated at 6.2 million acres, down 15 percent from a year ago.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is forecast at 10.6 million tons, down 1 percent from last month and down 10 percent from the record high production level in 2006. Yield is forecast at 22.4 tons per acre, down 2.5 tons per acre from last year's record high yield of 24.9 tons per acre.

**U.S. HIGHLIGHTS**

**Corn** production is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 26 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from August and 6.7 bushels above last year. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. Production would be the largest on record as growers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Expected yields are higher than last month across the northern and central Great Plains and Corn Belt where heavy rainfall during the month provided much-needed moisture for the crop. Yield forecasts in the southern Great Plains and Delta are also higher than last month as early harvest results are better than anticipated. Yields are unchanged or lower than August across much of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.62 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast and down 18 percent from last year's record high. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 1.3 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower across the central Corn Belt, the Tennessee Valley, and the Southeast. Hot, dry conditions contributed to most of the decline, especially in Kentucky and Tennessee, down 8 bushels and 9 bushels from last month, respectively. However, yields increased from the August 1 forecast in the northern Great Plains and northwestern Corn Belt, as beneficial rains fell during the month of August.

**Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 30.1 million tons, 1 percent above the August forecast but 12 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from last month but down 1.9 tons from the 2006 record high yield. Yields are at or below last year's level in all States except Colorado, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

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

COMMODITY	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 YIELD	2007 YIELD	2006 PRODUCTION (000)	2007 PRODUCTION (000)
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
CORN (Bu)	6,850	7,650	161.0	158.0	1,102,850	1,208,700
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,250	6,200	44.0	42.0	319,000	260,400
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	477	475	24.9	22.4	11,877	10,640
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
CORN (Bu)	70,648	85,418	149.1	155.8	10,534,868	13,307,999
SOYBEANS (Bu)	74,602	63,265	42.7	41.4	3,188,247	2,618,796
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,304	1,241	26.1	24.2	34,064	30,090

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