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MINNESOTA CORN & SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH

The October 1 **CORN** yield is forecasted at 166.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This forecasted yield is down 8 bushels per acre from last year's record high yield of 174.0 bushels per acre. Corn production is forecasted at 1.13 billion bushels, up 13.6 million bushels from September 1 and down 63.1 million bushels from last year.

SOYBEAN production for Minnesota is forecast at 304.5 million bushels, up 16.5 million bushels from the September 1 forecast and down 1.5 million bushels from the 2005 production. Based on October 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from September 1, and down 3 bushels per acre from last year's record high yield of 45.0 bushels per acre. Updated planted acreage is 7.35 million acres and updated harvested acreage is 7.25 million acres.

The **SUGARBEET** production is forecast at 11.8 million tons, up 3 percent from the September forecast. If realized, this would surpass the record production, set in 2003, by 17%. Yield is forecast at 23.7 tons per acre, up 0.7 tons per acre from September and up 3.3 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.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.5 million hundredweight, up 1 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,750 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds per acre from last year. Updated harvested acreage is 140 thousand acres.

ALL SUNFLOWER production is forecast at 133.8 million pounds, down 50 million pounds from 2005. Yield is forecast at 1,593 pounds per acre compared to 1,448 pounds per acre in 2005.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, down 2 percent from both last month and 2005. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 153.5 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from September but 5.6 bushels higher than last year. If realized, the yield would be the second largest on record, behind 2004. Forecast yields are lower than September across the central Corn Belt as early harvest results revealed that the hot, dry summer conditions had reduced yield potential more than anticipated. However, producers in the northern and eastern Corn Belt reported better than expected yields due mainly to timely rainfall during the growing season.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 3.19 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the September forecast and up 4 percent from the 2005 crop. If realized, this would be the highest production on record. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.8 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from September but down 0.2 bushel from last year's record high yield. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are unchanged or higher in all States except South Dakota. The States with the largest expected increase from September are Illinois and Virginia, both up 3.0 bushels from last month. Timely rains and cooler temperatures improved yield expectations in the central and northern Corn Belt.

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

COMMODITY	2005 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2005 YIELD	2006 YIELD	2005 PRODUCTION (000)	2006 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	6,850	6,800	174.0	166.0	1,191,900	1,128,800
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,800	7,250	45.0	42.0	306,000	304,500
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	460	496	20.4	23.7	9,384	11,755
DRY BEANS 1/	135	140	1,800	1,750	2,430	2,450
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	127	84	1,448	1,593	183,950	133,800
CANOLA (Lb)	38	26	820	1,500	31,160	39,000
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,300	3.50	3.50	4,725	4,550
OTHER HAY (Ton)	700	720	1.90	1.50	1,330	1,080
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	75,107	71,047	147.9	153.5	11,112,072	10,905,194
SOYBEANS (Bu)	71,251	74,505	43.0	42.8	3,063,237	3,188,576
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,243	1,344	22.2	24.5	27,537	32,928
DRY BEANS 1/	1,569	1,562	1,744	1,523	27,350	23,800
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	2,610	1,864	1,540	1,134	4,018,355	2,113,625
CANOLA (Lb)	1,114	1,008	1,419	1,212	1,580,985	1,221,990
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	22,389	22,407	3.38	3.33	75,771	74,527
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,260	40,290	1.91	1.80	74,819	72,511

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt.