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MINNESOTA CORN PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST MONTH

The October 1 **CORN** production is forecasted at 1.22 billion bushels, up 1 percent from September 1 and up 11 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Corn yield is forecasted at 156.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast and down 5 bushels from last year. Updated planted acreage is 8.40 million acres with harvested acreage estimated at 7.85 million acres.

SOYBEAN production for Minnesota is forecast at 258 million bushels, down 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high production. Based on October 1 conditions, the soybean yield is forecast at 42.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from September 1 but down 2 bushels per acre from last year. Updated planted acreage is 6.25 million acres with harvested acreage estimated at 6.15 million acres.

SUGARBEET production is forecast at 10.8 million tons, up 2 percent from the September forecast. Yield is forecast at 22.8 tons per acre, up 0.4 tons per acre from September 1 but down 2.1 tons per acre from last year.

DRY BEAN production is estimated at 2.52 million hundredweight, up 13 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,800 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds per acre from last year. Updated planted acreage is 150,000 acres with harvested acreage estimated at 140,000 acres.

ALL SUNFLOWER production is forecast at 190 million pounds, up 27 percent from 2006. Yield is forecast at 1,584 pounds per acre compared to 1,756 pounds per acre in 2006.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

CORN production is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up slightly from last month and 26 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 154.7 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from September but 5.6 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. Forecast yields are higher than last year across the Great Plains, central Corn Belt and Delta where adequate rainfall during much of the season provided favorable growing conditions. Expected yields across the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, Northeast, and mid-Atlantic States are down from last year as drought conditions during much of the growing season reduced soil moisture levels and stressed the crop.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 2.60 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the September forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 1.3 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and most of the Atlantic Coast States. Hot, dry conditions continued to cause most of the decline, especially in Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, and the Carolinas, all down at least 2 bushels from last month. Yields increased from the September 1 forecast in Iowa, Ohio, New York, the Dakotas, and most of the Gulf Coast States.

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)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	6,850	7,850	161.0	156.0	1,102,850	1,224,600
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,250	6,150	44.0	42.0	319,000	258,300
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	477	475	24.9	22.8	11,877	10,830
DRY BEANS 1/	135	140	1,650	1,800	2,228	2,520
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	85	120	1,756	1,584	149,250	190,100
CANOLA (Lb)	27	30	1,330	1,330	35,910	39,900
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,300	3.30	3.00	4,455	3,900
OTHER HAY (Ton)	720	800	1.70	1.50	1,224	1,200
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	70,648	86,071	149.1	154.7	10,534,868	13,318,102
SOYBEANS (Bu)	74,602	62,818	42.7	41.4	3,188,247	2,598,046
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,304	1,241	26.1	24.5	34,064	30,382
DRY BEANS 1/	1,538	1,463	1,577	1,727	24,247	25,264
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	1,770	1,970	1,211	1,468	2,143,613	2,891,985
CANOLA (Lb)	1,021	1,144	1,366	1,312	1,394,332	1,501,341
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	21,384	21,451	3.35	3.37	71,666	72,347
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,423	40,338	1.78	1.87	70,000	75,617

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt.