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Mississippi Cotton Yield is Forecast at a Record High

The National Agricultural Statistics Service today forecast Mississippi **Cotton** yield per acre at 1,027 pounds, up 61 pounds from last year and 93 pounds above the August 1 forecast. If realized, this will be a record high. Production, at 770,000 bales, is down 42 percent from 2007, but 8 percent above the previous month. Acres for harvest are estimated at a record low 360,000 acres, down 45 percent from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 82.8 million bushels, up 46 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the third highest production on record. Yield per acre is forecast at 38 bushels, down 2 bushels from last year's record high, but 3 bushels above the previous month's forecast. Acres for harvest are expected to total 2.18 million acres, up 54 percent from last year.

Corn for grain production for 2008 is forecast at 106 million bushels, down 25 percent from last year's record high production. Yield per acre is forecast at 140 bushels, down 10 bushels from the previous year's record high. Acreage harvested for grain is expected to total 760,000 acres, down 19 percent from 2007.

Production of **Rice** is forecast at 16.9 million hundredweight, up 20 percent from 2007. The yield per acre is forecast at 7,400 pounds, down 50 pounds from last year's record high. Acres for harvest are forecast at 229,000 acres, up 21 percent from the previous year.

Peanut production is forecast at 69.3 million pounds, up 17 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 3,300 pounds per acre, the same as 2007. Acreage harvested for 2008 is expected to total 21,000 acres, up 17 percent from the previous year.

In the United States, forecasts of production and yield per acre of selected crops and their comparison to the previous year are as follows: **Corn** - production of 12.1 billion bushels, down 8 percent; yield per acre of 152.3 bushels, up 1.2 bushels from last year. **Soybeans** - production of 2.93 billion bushels, up 13 percent from last year; yield of 40.0 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from last year. **All Cotton** - production of 13.8 million bales, down 28 percent from last year; yield of 849 pounds per acre, down 30 pounds. **Rice** - production of 207 million hundredweight, up 5 percent; yield of 7,076 pounds per acre, down 109 pounds. **Peanuts** - production of 4.76 billion pounds, up 27 percent; yield per acre at 3,188 pounds, up 58 pounds.

Crop Acreage, Yield and Production, Mississippi and United States, September 1, 2008

Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield		Production	
		Harvested 2007	For Harvest 2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
Mississippi							
Soybeans	bu	1,420	2,180	40.0 *	38.0	56,800	82,840
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	655.0	360.0 **	966	1,027 *	1,318	770
All Rice ²	cwt	189	229	7,450 *	7,400	14,081	16,946
Corn Grain	bu	940	760	150 *	140	141,000	106,400
Peanuts	lbs	18.0	21.0	3,300	3,300	59,400	69,300
United States							
Soybeans	bu	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.0	2,585,207	2,933,888
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	10,489.1	7,830.0	879 *	849	19,206.9	13,846.0
All Rice ²	cwt	2,748	2,924	7,185 *	7076	197,456	206,914
Corn Grain	bu	86,542	79,290	151.1	152.3	13,073,893	12,072,365
Peanuts	lbs	1,195	1,494	3,130	3,188	3,740,650	4,762,450

* Record high.

** Record low.

¹ Production ginned and to be binned. 480-lb. net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds per acre.

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