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New Jersey's Soybean Production Up 1 Percent from the October 1 Forecast

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around October 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

- **Corn** production is forecast at 8.49 million bushels, an increase of 3 percent from the September 1, 2006, forecast. Expected yield per harvested acre is 137 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield is 143 bushels per acre, set in 2004. The 10-year (1996-2005) state average yield is 104.8 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain, at 62,000 acres, is unchanged from 2005.
- **Soybean** production is set at 2.87 million bushels, up 1 percent from the September 1, 2006, forecast. The October 1, 2006, soybean yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the previous month's forecast. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average (1996-2005) is 31.9 bushels per acre. Harvested acreage is revised to 87,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last month, based on administrative information.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Final 2005	Sept 1 2006 Forecast	Oct 1 2006 Forecast	Final 2005	Sept 1 2006 Forecast	Oct 1 2006 Forecast	Final 2005	Sept 1 2006 Forecast	Oct 1 2006 Forecast
NEW JERSEY	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	62	62	62	122.0	133.0	137.0	7,564.0	8,246.0	8,494.0
Soybeans	91	92	87	28.0	31.0	33.0	2,548.0	2,852.0	2,871.0
UNITED STATES	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Million Bushels -		
Corn for grain	75,107	71,841	71,047	147.9	154.7	153.5	11,112.1	11,113.8	10,905.2
Soybeans	71,251	73,935	74,505	43.0	41.8	42.8	3,063.2	3,093.0	3,188.6

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released November 9, 2006.

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