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New Jersey's Corn Production up 9 Percent from the August 1 Forecast

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

- **Corn** production is forecast at 8.25 million bushels, 9 percent above both the August 1, 2006 forecast and the previous year. Producers expect 133 bushels per acre for the 2006 crop, up 11 bushels from the August 1, 2006 forecast. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, 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, unchanged from 2005.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 31 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the August 1, 2006 forecast but up 3 bushels from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 42 bushels, set in 2004. The 10-year average yield is 31.9 bushels. Production is expected to total 2.85 million bushels down 6 percent from last month but up 12 percent from 2005. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 92,000 acres, 1,000 acres more than 2005.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 270 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from the July forecast, but up 15 cwt from last year. Dry weather early in the season followed by late heavy rains reduced yields. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 648,000 cwt, which is 21 percent higher than the 2005 final production.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Soybeans, and Summer Potatoes, September 1, Forecast

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2005	Aug 1 2006 Forecast	Sept 1 2006 Forecast	Final 2005	Aug 1 2006 Forecast	Sept 1 2006 Forecast	Final 2005	Aug 1 2006 Forecast	Sept 1 2006 Forecast
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	62	62	62	122.0	122.0	133.0	7,564	7,564	8,246
Soybeans	Bu.	91	92	92	28.0	33.0	31.0	2,548	3,036	2,852
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.1	1/	2.4	255.0	1/	270.0	536	1/	648
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	75,107	72,091	71,841	147.9	152.2	154.7	11,112.1	10,975.7	11,113.8
Soybeans	Bu.	71,361	73,935	73,935	43.3	39.6	41.8	3,086.4	2,927.6	3,093.0
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	51.4	1/	54.8	342.0	1/	342.0	17.6	1/	18.7

1/ Not available.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 12, 2006.

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