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## New Jersey's Soybean Production Up 4 Percent from 2007

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

- **Corn** yield is forecast at 115 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the August 1, 2008 forecast. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. Production is expected to total 8.51 million bushels down 17 percent from 2007. Area harvested for grain, 74,000 acres, is down 8,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at 2.55 million bushels, 4 percent above the previous year. Producers expect 30 bushels per acre for the 2008 crop, down 2 bushels from the August 1, 2008 forecast. Conditions are rated mostly fair at the current time. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 85,000 acres, 6,000 acres more than 2007. The harvest of soybeans is expected to be completed by the end of October.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 220 cwt. per acre, down from the July forecast of 240 cwt. The state record yield per acre is 285 cwt., set in 2000. Growing conditions are rated fair at the current time. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 440,000 cwt, which is 31 percent lower than the 2007 final production.

**United States:** Soybeans production is anticipated to be the fourth highest production on record (2.93 billion bushels). The forecasted yield is 40.0 bushels, down 0.5 from last month, and down 1.2 from 2007. Harvested acreage is 73.3 million, the third most acreage on record. Corn yields are expected to average 152.3 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last year, and production is forecast at 12.1 billion bushels, the second highest on record.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2007	Aug 1 2008 Forecast	Sept 1 2008 Forecast	Final 2007	Aug 1 2008 Forecast	Sept 1 2008 Forecast	Final 2007	Aug 1 2008 Forecast	Sept 1 2008 Forecast
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	82	74	74	125.0	120.0	115.0	10,250	8,880	8,510
Soybeans	Bu.	79	85	85	31.0	32.0	30.0	2,449	2,720	2,550
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.4	<sup>1</sup>	2.0	265.0	<sup>1</sup>	220.0	636	<sup>1</sup>	440
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	86,542	79,290	79,290	151.1	155.0	152.3	13,073.9	12,287.9	12,072.4
Soybeans	Bu.	62,820	73,341	73,341	41.2	40.5	40.0	2,585.2	2,972.6	2,933.9
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	51.2	<sup>1</sup>	46.2	332.0	<sup>1</sup>	324.0	17.0	<sup>1</sup>	15.0

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 10, 2008.

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