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New Jersey's Producers Anticipate More Corn, Soybean, and Potato Production

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

Production of the Garden State's corn, soybean, and summer potato crops are anticipated to exceed last year's crops. Corn production will be higher despite fewer acres for harvest. Soybean acreage, the same as last year, is expected to yield 6 more bushels per acre. Potato producers report better yields than a year ago.

- **Corn** yield is forecast at 135 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the August 1 forecast. The state record yield per acre is 143 bushels, set in 2004. Production is expected to total 9.32 million bushels up 9 percent from 2008. Area harvested for grain at 69,000 acres, is down 5,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at 3.15 million bushels, is up 21 percent from the previous year. Producers expect 35 bushels per acre for the 2009 crop, up 1 bushel from the August 1 forecast, and up 6 bushels from last year. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 90,000 acres, the same as in 2008.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 270 cwt. per acre, up 40 cwt. from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 285 cwt. set in 2000. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 540,000 cwt, up 17 percent from 2008's production.

United States: Record Soybean Production and Corn Yield Forecasted

Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month, and 7 percent higher than 2008. Yields are expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August, and 8.0 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, exceeding the 160.3 yield set in 2004, and production will be the second largest – only 0.6 percent less than the record 2007 crop.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from 2008. Production will exceed the previous record of 3.20 billion bushels grown in 2006. Yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month, and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record, following 2005's crop with 43.1 bushels, and 2006's crop with 42.9 bushels per acre.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2008	Aug 1 2009 Forecast	Sept 1 2009 Forecast	Final 2008	Aug 1 2009 Forecast	Sept 1 2009 Forecast	Final 2008	Aug 1 2009 Forecast	Sept 1 2009 Forecast
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	74	69	69	116.0	129.0	135.0	8,584	8,901	9,315
Soybeans	Bu.	90	90	90	29.0	34.0	35.0	2,610	3,060	3,150
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.0	¹	2.0	230	¹	270	460	¹	540
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	78,640	80,007	80,007	153.9	159.5	161.9	12,101.2	12,761.0	12,954.5
Soybeans	Bu.	74,641	76,767	76,767	39.6	41.7	42.3	2,959.2	3,199.2	3,245.3
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	45.1	¹	42.5	306	¹	346	13.8	¹	14.7

¹ Not available.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 9, 2009.

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