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New Jersey's Corn and Soybean Crops Down from Previous Year

New Jersey: Growing conditions began favorably during the spring as soil moisture was adequate and warmer temperatures aided emergence. Soybean plantings after June 20th and after the wheat harvest suffered from lack of moisture for both emergence and growth. Some of these late soybean plantings have poor population stands and the plants are very short. Farmers responding to the August Agricultural Yield Survey anticipated that this year's corn and soybean crops will be smaller than last year's crops.

- **Corn for grain** production is estimated at 9.2 million bushels, down 8 percent from last year's crop. The yield is estimated at 123 bushels per acre, 20 bushels less than the 2009 yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 75,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is estimated at 3.0 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago. The yield is estimated at 34 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year. Area harvested for soybeans is estimated at 88,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from a year ago.

U.S.: The largest corn and soybean crops are forecast based on the August Yield Survey of producers across the country.

- **Corn for grain** production is forecast at 13.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous record set in 2009. Yields are expected to average 165.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushels from last year, also a record high.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.4 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, tying the 2009 record-high. Harvested area at 78.0 million acres is the largest on record exceeding by 2 percent the previous record of 76.4 million acres harvested in 2009.

Acres, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
NEW JERSEY	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	
Corn for Grain	70	75	143.0	123.0	10,010	9,225
Soybeans	87	88	42.0	34.0	3,654	2,992
UNITED STATES	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	
Corn for Grain	79,590	81,005	164.7	165.0	13,110,062	13,365,225
Soybeans	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.0	3,359,011	3,433,370

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