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## New Jersey's Producers Anticipate Less 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.*

The Garden State's corn, soybean, and summer potato production are expected to be less than last year's crops. Corn production will be lower despite more acres for harvest. Soybean acreage, up from last year, is expected to yield 8 less bushels per acre. Potato producers reported lower yields than a year ago.

- **Corn** yield is forecast at 118 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the August 1 forecast, and down 25 bushels from last year. Production is expected to total 8.85 million bushels, down 12 percent from 2009. Area harvested for grain at 75,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at 2.99 million bushels, down 18 percent from the previous year. Producers expect 34 bushels per acre for the 2010 crop, same as the August 1 forecast, and down 8 bushels from last year's record yield. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 88,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2009.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 230 cwt. per acre, down 30 cwt. from the previous year. The state record yield per acre is 285 cwt. set in 2000. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 483,000 cwt, down 12 percent from 2009's production.

## United States: Record Soybean Crop and Corn Production Forecasted

**Corn** production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month, but slightly higher than the record 2009 crop. Yields are expected to average 162.5 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be the second highest yield following 2009's record of 164.7 bushels.

**Soybean** harvested area is expected to total a record 78.0 million acres, unchanged from August, but up 2 percent from 2009's previous record. Production is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and 4 percent above last year. Yields are expected to average a record high 44.7 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushels from last month and last year.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2009	Aug 1 2010 Forecast	Sept 1 2010 Forecast	Final 2009	Aug 1 2010 Forecast	Sept 1 2010 Forecast	Final 2009	Aug 1 2010 Forecast	Sept 1 2010 Forecast
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	70	75	75	143.0	123.0	118.0	10,010	9,225	8,850
Soybeans	Bu.	87	88	88	42.0	34.0	34.0	3,654	2,992	2,992
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.1	<sup>1</sup>	2.1	260.0	<sup>1</sup>	230.0	546	<sup>1</sup>	483
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	79,590	81,005	81,005	164.7	165.0	162.5	13,110.1	13,365.2	13,159.7
Soybeans	Bu.	76,372	77,986	77,986	44.0	44.0	44.7	3,359.0	3,433.4	3,482.9
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	42.7	<sup>1</sup>	37.1	340	<sup>1</sup>	317	14.5	<sup>1</sup>	11.8

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

**Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 8, 2010.**

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