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New Jersey Producers Expect Larger Corn and Soybean Crops than 2010

New Jersey: Mild spring temperatures and adequate soil moisture provided favorable planting and growing conditions for corn and full-season soybeans. Dry weather throughout the month of July accelerated crop development and stressed plants in some fields. Farmers responding to the August Agricultural Yield Survey anticipated that this year's corn and soybean crops will be larger than last year's.

- **Corn for grain** production is estimated at 11.1 million bushels, up 37 percent from last year's crop. The yield is estimated at 135 bushels per acre, 21 bushels more than the 2010 yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 82,000 acres, up 11,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is estimated at 2.7 million bushels, up 24 percent from a year ago. The yield is estimated at 33 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from 2010. Area harvested for soybeans is estimated at 83,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from a year ago.

U.S.: Based on conditions as of August 1st, the third largest corn crop is forecast from the August Yield Survey of producers across the country.

- **Corn for grain** production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from 2010, and the fourth highest yield on record if realized.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.1 billion bushels, down 8 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, down 2.1 bushels from 2010. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.8 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

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

Crop	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
NEW JERSEY	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	
Corn for Grain	71	82	114.0	135.0	8,094	11,070
Soybeans	92	83	24.0	33.0	2,208	2,739
UNITED STATES	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>Million Bushels</i>	
Corn for Grain	81,446	84,388	152.8	153.0	12,447	12,914
Soybeans	76,616	73,823	43.5	41.4	3,329	3,056

Source: USDA-NASS: *Crop Production*, August 2011

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