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Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, January 12, 2012- - Based on year end acreage and yield data, production of most major field crops showed a decrease from last year. Corn for grain and silage, oats, winter wheat, dry alfalfa hay, alfalfa haylage, winter wheat, and fall potatoes had lower production in 2011 than in 2010, according to the Pennsylvania office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Production of other dry hay, barley, soybeans, and tobacco in Pennsylvania were above last year's production.

Corn for grain production totaled 106.6 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year's production. Corn acres harvested for grain were estimated at 960,000 and the average yield was 111 bushels per acre, down 17 bushels from 2010. Corn for silage production at 6.5 million tons, was down 10 percent from production in 2010. Acres harvested for silage totaled 420,000, up 20,000 from 2010. Silage yield was 15.5 tons per acre, down 2.5 tons per acre from the 2010 yield.

Alfalfa dry hay production was 1.1 million tons, 15 percent below last year's production. Acres harvested were 410,000, down 90,000 acres from last year, with an average yield of 2.7 tons per acre. Alfalfa haylage and greenchop production was 1.5 million tons (green weight), 9 percent below last year's production. Acres harvested were 260,000, with an average yield of 5.6 tons per acre. All alfalfa forage production was 1.83 million tons (dry weight equivalent), 13 percent below last year's production. Alfalfa acres newly seeded in 2011 for crop production in 2012 totaled 70,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from a year ago. All other dry hay acres harvested totaled 1,040,000 acres, an increase of 40,000 acres from last year, with a yield of 2.30 tons per acre for a total production of 2.4 million tons, up 14 percent from last year. Total forage production on a dry equivalent basis was 4.48 million tons, slightly above last year's production. Forage was harvested from 1.69 million acres, down slightly from last year. Average forage yield per acre in 2011 was 2.65 dry tons, compared to 2.61 dry tons a year ago.

Oat production was 2.76 million bushels, 42 percent below last year's production. Harvested acres totaled 60,000, down 20,000 acres from last year. The average yield was 46 bushels per acre, 13 bushels below last year. Production of winter wheat was 8.7 million bushels, 2 percent below the 2010 production. Harvested acres totaled 170,000, which was 20,000 acres more than 2010. Average yield was 51 bushels per acre, 8 bushels per acre less than last year. Barley production was 3.58 million bushels, 6 percent above 2010. Acreage harvested was 10,000 more than a year ago at 55,000, with an average yield per acre of 65 bushels, which was 10 bushels below a year ago.

Soybean production, at 21.6 million bushels, was 4 percent above last year's production. Acreage harvested was 490,000, a 5,000 acre decrease from 2010. The 2011 yield was 44 bushels per acre, 2 bushels per acre more than a year ago.

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Fall potato production, at 1.79 million hundredweight (cwt.), was down 19 percent from last year's production. Acres harvested, at 7,800, were 1,200 less than last year. The average yield of 230 cwt. per acre was down 15 cwt. from last year's yield.

Pennsylvania burley tobacco production totaled 11.0 million pounds, up 9 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest was 5,000, compared to 4,200 a year ago. Average yield per acre was 2,200 pounds, down 200 pounds from last year. Southern Maryland type tobacco production totaled 6.0 million pounds, 21 percent more than last year. Harvested acreage was 3,000, up 800 acres from 2010. Pennsylvania seedleaf-type tobacco production totaled 3.66 million pounds, 26 percent less than last year. Harvested acreage was 1,700, 400 acres less than last year. The average yield of 2,150 pounds per acre was 9 percent below 2010.

At the **United States** level, corn for grain production is estimated at 12.4 billion bushels, up slightly from the November 1 forecast, but 1 percent below 2010. The average yield in the United States for 2011 was estimated at 147.2 bushels per acre. This is up 0.5 bushel from the November forecast, but 5.6 bushels below the 2010 average yield of 152.8 bushels. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 84.0 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and up 3 percent from 2010.

Soybean production in 2011 totaled 3.06 billion bushels, up slightly from the November 1 forecast, but down 8 percent from 2010. U.S. production is the sixth largest on record. The average yield per acre is estimated at 41.5 bushels, 0.2 bushel above the November 1 forecast, but 2.0 bushels below last year's yield. Harvested area is down 4 percent from 2010 to 73.6 million acres.

Production of other major crops and changes from the previous year are as follows: corn for silage, 109.0 million tons, up 2 percent; dry alfalfa hay, 65.3 million tons, down 4 percent; other dry hay, 65.8 million tons, down 15 percent from 2010; oats, a record low 53.6 million bushels, down 34 percent; winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, up 1 percent; barley 156 million bushels, down 14 percent; all potatoes, 427 million cwt., up 6 percent; all tobacco, 601 million pounds, down 16 percent; and maple syrup 2.79 million gallons, up 43 percent.

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