



News Release

National
Agricultural
Statistics
Service

In Cooperation with Clemson University

South Carolina Field Office · 1835 Assembly St, Rm 1008 · Columbia, SC 29201 · (803) 765-5333 · www.nass.usda.gov

Released on January 12, 2007

Contact: Rhonda Brandt, Director (803)765-5333
Jim Johnson, Agricultural Statistician
nass-sc@nass.usda.gov

RECORD YIELD SET FOR SOYBEANS IN 2006

SOUTH CAROLINA'S soybean crop made a new record high yield in 2006, announced the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

The 2006 **SOYBEAN** crop totaled 11.3 million bushels, up 31 percent from the 2005 production, but down 21 percent from 2004. The final yield per acre of 29 bushels, up 8.5 bushels from 2005, and up 2 bushels from 2004. Acres harvested at 390,000, is down 30,000 from 2005, and 140,000 from 2004.

COTTON production totaled 450,000 bales, up 10 percent from 2005. The final 2006 average yield of 725 pounds per acre is down 18 pounds from 2005 and down 150 pounds from 2004's yield. The final estimate of 300,000 acres planted, is up 34,000 acres from the previous year and 85,000 above 2004. Harvested acres totaled 298,000 acres, up 33,000 acres from 2005 and up 84,000 from 2004. **Cottonseed** production was expected to total 146,000 tons, up 20 percent from 2005, and 55 percent above 2004.

CORN production in 2006 totaled 31.9 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2005. The final yield per acre of 110 bushels, is down 6 bushels from 2005. Acres harvested for grain is 290,000, up 5,000 acres from 2005, but down 5,000 from 2004. Acres planted for all purposes at 310,000 are up 10,000 acres from 2005.

TOBACCO production was 48.3 million pounds, up 21 percent from 2005, but down 24 percent from 2004. The final yield per acre of 2,100 pounds, is unchanged from 2005, but down 250 pounds from 2004. Acres harvested, at 23,000, was up 4,000 acres from 2005, but down 4,000 acres from 2004.

PEANUT production in 2006 totaled 173.6 million pounds - up 3 percent from 2005, and up 55 percent from 2004. The final yield per acre of 3,100 pounds is up 300 pounds from 2005 but down 300 pounds from 2004. Acres harvested at 56,000 is down 4,000 acres from 2005 but up 23,000 acres from 2004.

UNITED STATES 2006 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF 2005

Corn	10.5	Bil. Bu	95 %	Hay	142	Mil. Tons.	94 %
Soybeans	3.19	Bil. Bu.	104 %	Peanuts	3.47	Bil. Lbs.	71 %
Tobacco, F.C.	447	Mil. Lbs.	117 %	Cotton, Upland	21.0	Mil. Bales	90 %