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## YIELDS UP FOR PEANUTS AND TOBACCO IN 2007

Yields for peanuts and tobacco are up in SOUTH CAROLINA in 2007, but down for soybeans, cotton and corn, announced the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

The 2007 **SOYBEAN** crop totaled 8.1 million bushels, down 29 percent from the 2006 production, and down 6 percent from 2005. The final yield per acre of 19 bushels was down 10 bushels from 2006, and down 1.5 bushels from 2005. Acres harvested at 425,000, is up 35,000 from 2006, and up 5,000 from 2005.

**COTTON** production totaled 160,000 bales, down 63 percent from 2006. The final 2007 average yield of 486 pounds per acre is down 211 pounds from 2006 and down 257 pounds from 2005's yield. The final estimate of 180,000 acres planted, is down 120,000 acres from the previous year and 86,000 below 2005. Harvested acres totaled 158,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from 2006 and down 107,000 from 2005. **Cottonseed** production was expected to total 51,000 tons, down 63 percent from 2006, and 58 percent below 2005.

**CORN** production in 2007 totaled 37.0 million bushels, up 16 percent from 2006. The final yield per acre of 100 bushels, is down 10 bushels from 2006. Acres harvested for grain is 370,000, up 80,000 acres from 2006, and up 85,000 from 2005. Acres planted for all purposes at 400,000 are up 90,000 acres from 2006.

**TOBACCO** production was 46.1 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2006, but up 16 percent from 2005. The final yield per acre of 2,250 pounds, is up 150 pounds from 2006 and 2005. Acres harvested, at 20,500, was down 2,500 acres from 2006, but up 1,500 acres from 2005.

**PEANUT** production in 2007 totaled 173.6 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2006 and 2005. The final yield per acre of 3,100 pounds is up 100 pounds from 2006 and up 300 pounds from 2005. Acres harvested at 56,000 is unchanged from 2006, but down 4,000 acres from 2005.

## UNITED STATES 2007 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF 2006

Corn	13.1	Bil. Bu.	124 %	Hay	150	Mil. Tons.	106 %
Soybeans	2.59	Bil. Bu.	81 %	Peanuts	3.74	Bil. Lbs.	108 %
Tobacco, F.C.	503	Mil. Lbs.	113 %	Cotton, Upland	18.2	Mil. Bales	87 %