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CROP YIELDS GENERALLY DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

Based on October 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2007 crop yields are down from September for corn, cotton, and soybeans, up for peanuts and remained the same as September for tobacco, the USDA, NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. The absence of precipitation and above average temperatures continue to negatively impact many of the state's crops this year.

COTTON production is forecast at 140,000 bales, down 68 percent (293,000 bales) from last year and down 40,000 bales from a month ago. The 2007 yield per acre is expected to average 378 pounds, down 319 pounds from last year and down 107 pounds from last month. Acres for harvest, at 178,000, are unchanged from last month and down 120,000 acres from last year.

CORN production in 2007 is expected to total 35.6 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year but down 4 percent from September. Expected yield per acre of 95 bushels, is down 15 bushels from 2006 and down 5 bushels from last month. Acres for harvest as grain, at 375,000, are up 85,000 acres from 2006.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO production as of October 1 is forecast at 49.5 million pounds, no change from last month's forecast, but up 2 percent from last year's production of 48.3 million pounds. The expected yield per acre of 2,250 pounds is unchanged from last month, but up 150 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest, at 22,000, are unchanged from last month, but down 1,000 acres from last year.

SOYBEAN production this year is forecast at 8.3 million bushels, down 8 percent from last month and down 27 percent from 2006's production of 11.3 million bushels. The expected yield per acre of 19 bushels is down 3 bushels from the September estimate and down 10 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 435,000, are up 45,000 from last year's harvested acres of 390,000.

PEANUT production is forecast at 162.4 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year, but up 4 percent from September. The expected yield per acre, at 2,900 pounds, is up 100 pounds from the September 1 forecast, but down 100 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest at 56,000, is unchanged from 2006.

UNITED STATES 2007 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Corn	13.3Bil. Bu	126%	Hay, All	148Mil. Tons	104%
Soybeans	2.60Bil. Bu.	81%	Peanuts	3.42Bil. Lbs.	99%
Tobacco, F.C.	456Mil.Lbs.	102%	Cotton,Upland	17.4Mil. Bales	83%