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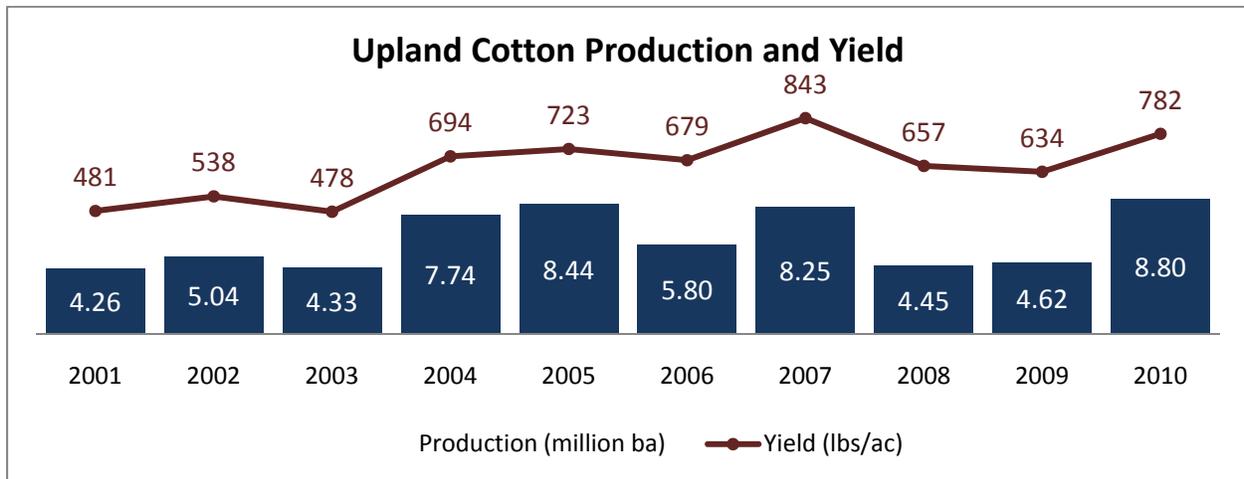
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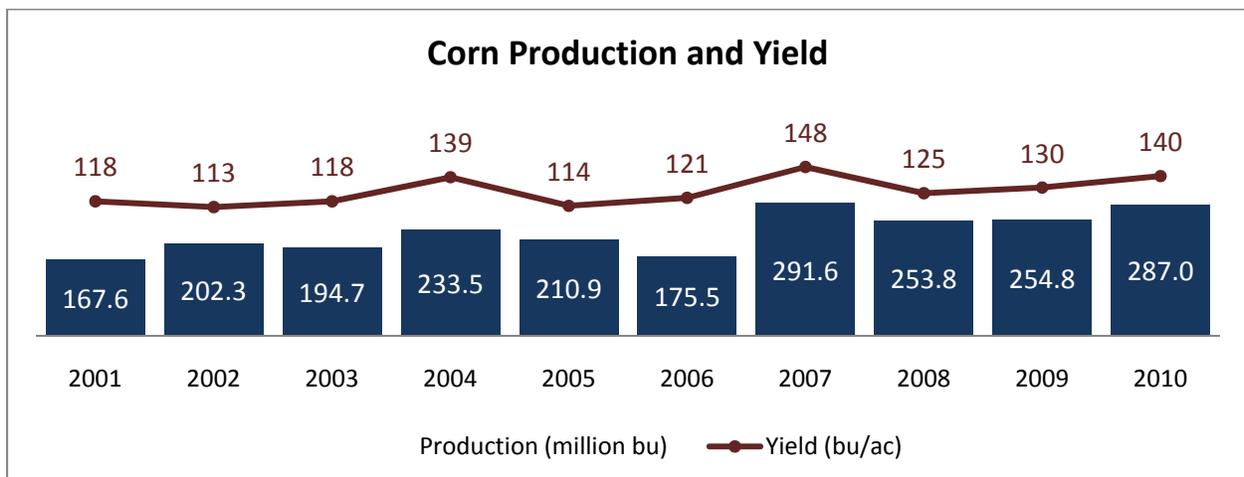
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Texas Upland Cotton Production Estimated at 8.8 Million Bales

The 2010 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 8.8 million bales, 90 percent more than in 2009. Yield is expected to average 782 pounds per acre, compared with 634 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.4 million acres, up 54 percent from 2009.

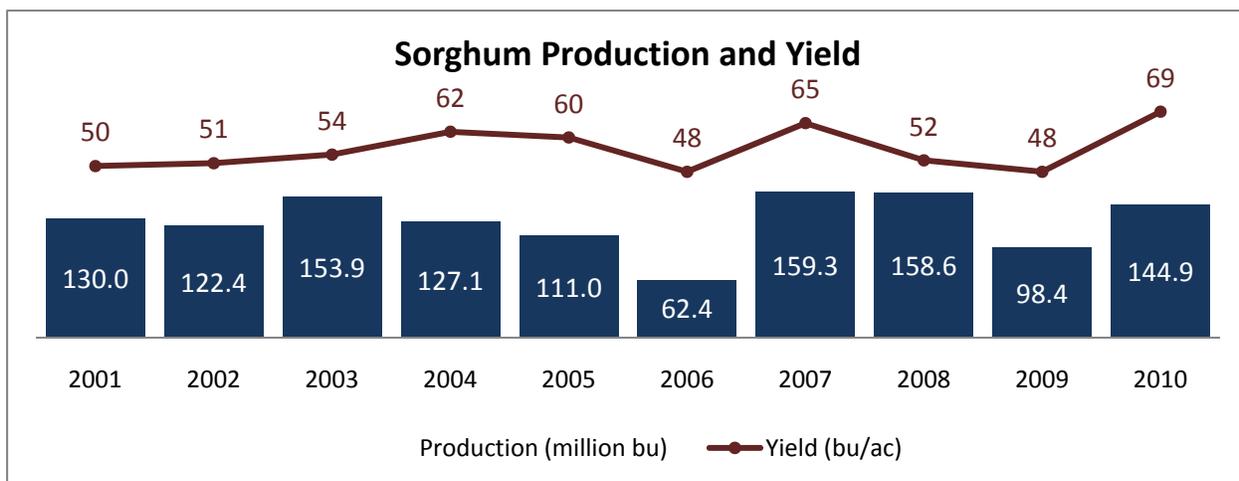


Corn production is forecast at 287 million bushels, unchanged for last month, up 13 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, statewide yield are expected to average 140 bushels per acre, up 8 percent from 2009. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 2.1 million, are up 5 percent from last year and unchanged from last month.

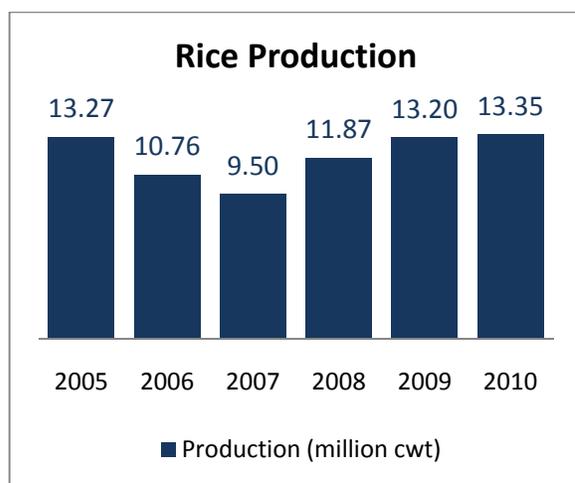
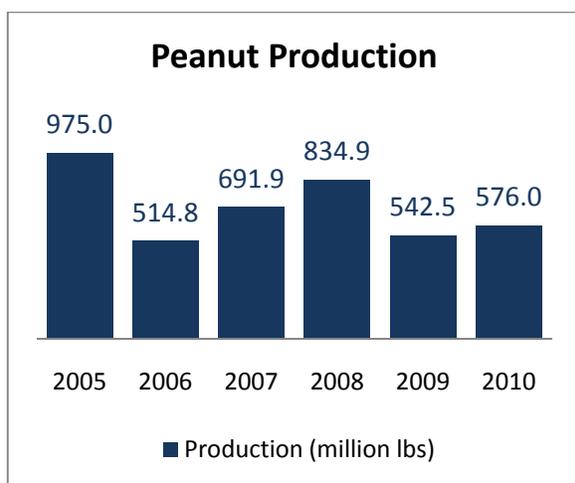


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Sorghum production is forecast at 145 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month and 47 percent more than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 2.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Yield, at 69 bushels per acre, is down 1 bushel from last month and up 21 bushels from last year.

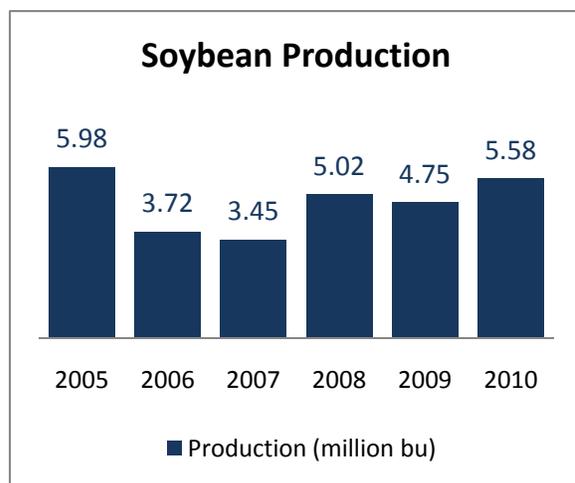


Texas **peanut** production is up 6 percent from last year, at 576 million pounds, and down 9 percent from last month. Statewide yield, at 3,600 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last month and last year. Harvested acreage is up 3 percent from last year to 160,000 acres.



Rice producers expect to harvest 13.3 million cwt, up 1 percent from 2009. Yield is forecast at 7,100 pounds per acre, 670 pounds less than last year, and 200 pounds more than last month.

The 2009 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 5.6 million bushels, up 17 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 180,000, is down 5 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 31 bushels per acre, compared with 25 bushels last year, and 34 bushels for last month.



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U.S. Highlights: United States **corn** production is forecast at a record 13.2 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month, but up from the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009. A yield of 162.5 bushels per acre is forecast, down 2.2 bushels from last year's record. The **sorghum** crop is down 2 percent from last year at 376.5 million bushels. The U.S. **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 18.3 million bales, up 56 percent from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.48 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year. The U.S. **peanut** crop is estimated at 4.1 billion pounds, up 11 percent from a year ago. U.S. **rice** production is forecast at 255 million cwt, up 16 percent from 2009.

Objective yield and farm operator surveys were conducted between August 25 and September 7 to gather information on expected yields as of September 1. Objective yield surveys for cotton were conducted in Texas. Farm operators were interviewed to update previously reported acreage data and seek permission to randomly locate two sample plots in selected fields for the objective yield survey. The counts made within each sample plot depend on the crop and the maturity of that crop. In all cases, the number of plants is recorded along with other measurements that provide information to forecast the number of bolls or heads and their weight. The counts are used with similar data from previous years to develop a projected biological yield. The average harvesting loss is subtracted to obtain a net yield. The plots are revisited each month until crop maturity when the fruit are harvested and weighed. After the farm operator has harvested the sample field, another plot is sampled to obtain current year harvesting loss.

The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet, and personal interviews. Approximately 1,000 producers were interviewed during the survey period and asked questions about probable yield. These growers will continue to be surveyed throughout the growing season to provide indications of average yields.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2010/CropProd-09-10-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp

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Texas District Estimates 2009 and 2010¹

Corn	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1 - N	922.0	890.0	851.0	830.0	211.0	209.0	179,539	173,500
1 - S	103.0	80.0	79.7	65.0	189.6	193.8	15,109	12,600
4	630.6	630.0	530.3	570.0	53.2	71.1	28,208	40,500
8 - N	197.0	200.0	125.3	185.0	52.2	108.1	6,541	20,000
9	252.5	255.0	234.0	240.0	55.6	95.8	13,001	23,000
Other Districts	244.9	195.0	139.7	160.0	88.8	108.8	12,402	17,400
State	2,350.0	2,250.0	1,960.0	2,050.0	130.0	140.0	254,800	287,000
Upland Cotton	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>pounds</i>		<i>1,000 bales</i>	
1 - N	600.0	810.0	501.0	760.0	880.0	1,061.0	918.0	1,680.0
1 - S	2,667.0	2,950.0	1,929.0	2,840.0	642.0	744.0	2,579.0	4,400.0
2 - N	340.5	375.0	286.0	370.0	594.0	584.0	354.0	450.0
2 - S	509.0	515.0	407.0	510.0	369.0	659.0	313.0	700.0
4	62.5	110.0	56.7	105.0	477.0	640.0	56.3	140.0
7	176.0	200.0	136.2	195.0	579.0	591.0	164.2	240.0
8 - N	51.5	55.0	24.2	53.0	712.0	1,177.0	35.9	130.0
8 - S	338.0	280.0	16.7	275.0	356.0	899.0	12.4	515.0
9	90.5	136.0	77.4	130.0	526.0	886.0	84.8	240.0
10 - S	74.7	95.0	23.2	90.0	602.0	747.0	29.1	140.0
Other Districts	90.3	74.0	42.6	72.0	826.0	1,100.0	73.3	165.0
State	5,000.0	5,600.0	3,500.0	5,400.0	634.0	782.0	4,620.0	8,800.0
Sorghum	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>1,000 acres</i>		<i>bushels</i>		<i>1,000 bushels</i>	
1 - N	495.0	385.0	395.8	335.0	66.6	77.9	26,369	26,100
1 - S	580.0	120.0	510.1	100.0	33.7	59.0	17,205	5,900
4	205.6	260.0	179.3	245.0	50.4	68.2	9,034	16,700
7	95.0	60.0	71.9	56.0	24.2	42.9	1,739	2,400
8 - N	121.0	110.0	75.1	90.0	37.9	80.0	2,849	7,200
8 - S	340.0	530.0	128.1	495.0	37.0	82.2	4,744	40,700
9	230.0	220.0	215.0	150.0	71.0	70.7	15,275	10,600
10 - N	51.0	80.0	20.1	75.0	35.7	76.0	718	5,700
10 - S	436.0	550.0	387.5	485.0	47.4	54.0	18,361	26,200
Other Districts	146.4	85.0	67.1	69.0	31.4	49.3	2,106	3,400
State	2,700.0	2,400.0	2,050.0	2,100.0	48.0	69.0	98,400	144,900

¹ Preliminary, September 2010