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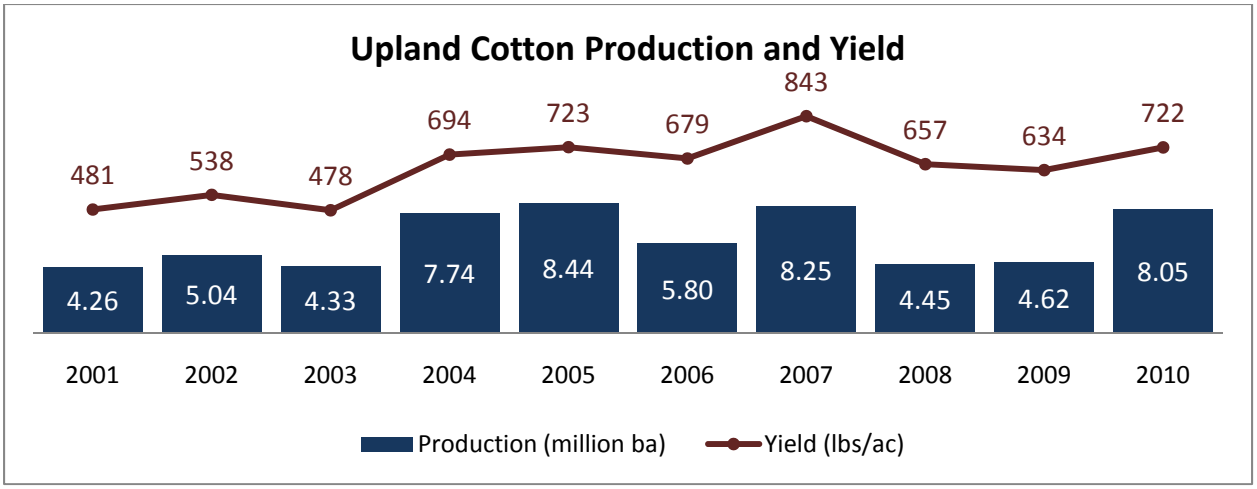
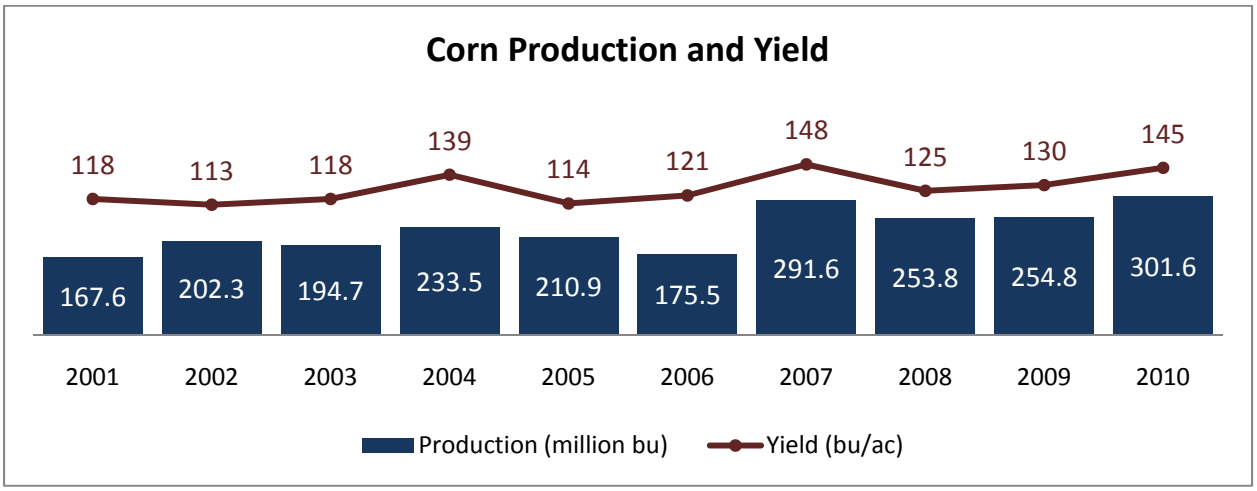
Texas Upland Cotton Production Estimated at 8.05 Million Bales

The 2010 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 8.05 million bales, unchanged from last month and 74 percent more than in 2009. Yield is expected to average 722 pounds per acre, an addition of 6 pounds from last month, and 88 pounds more than last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.35 million acres, up 53 percent from 2009.



Corn production is forecast at 301.6 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Statewide yield are expected to average 145 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from 2009. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 2.08 million, are up 6 percent from last year.



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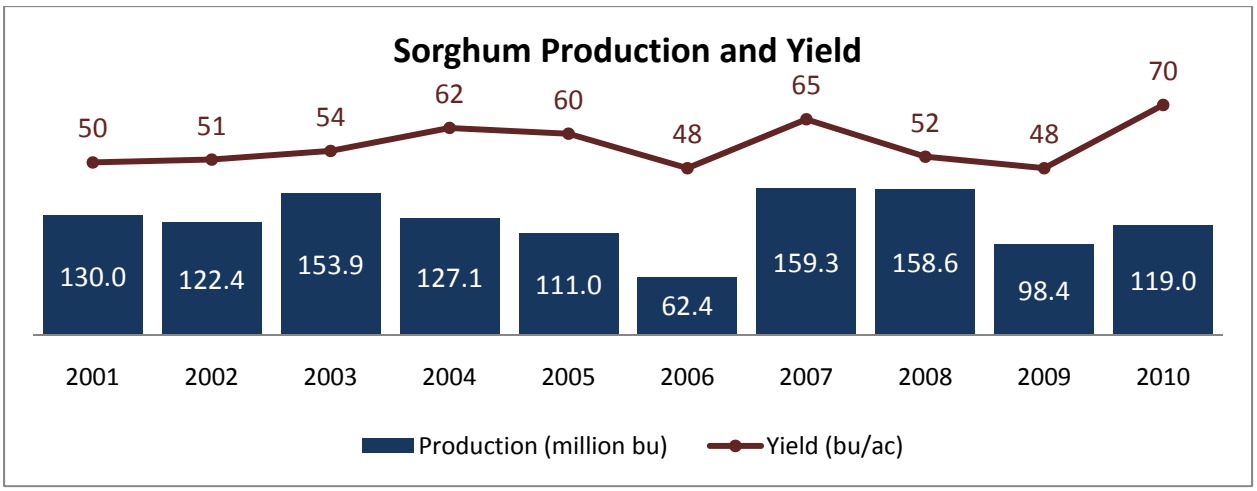
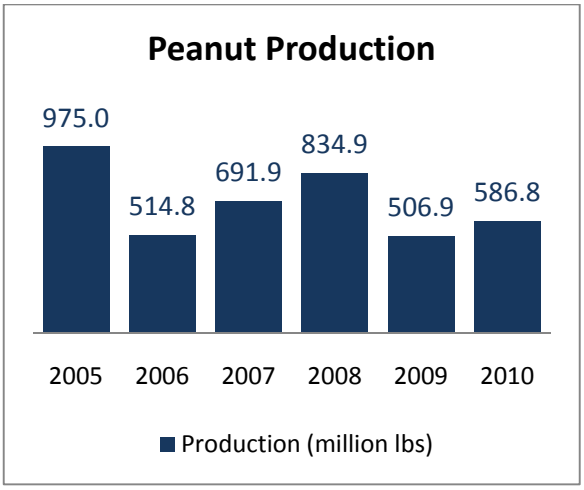
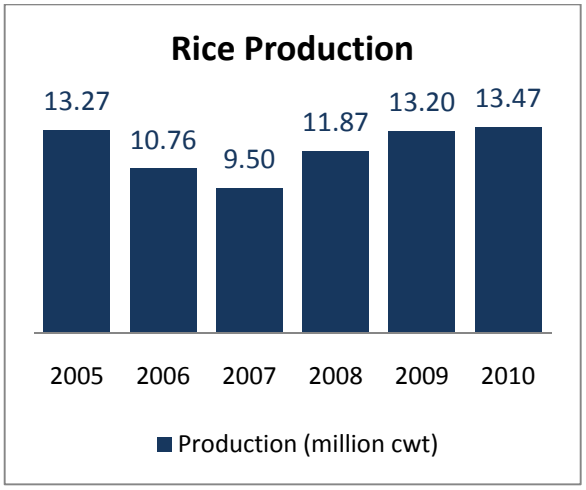
Sorghum production is forecast at 119 million bushels, up 21 percent from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.7 million acres, down 17 percent from last year. Yield, at 70 bushels per acre, is up 22 bushels from last year.



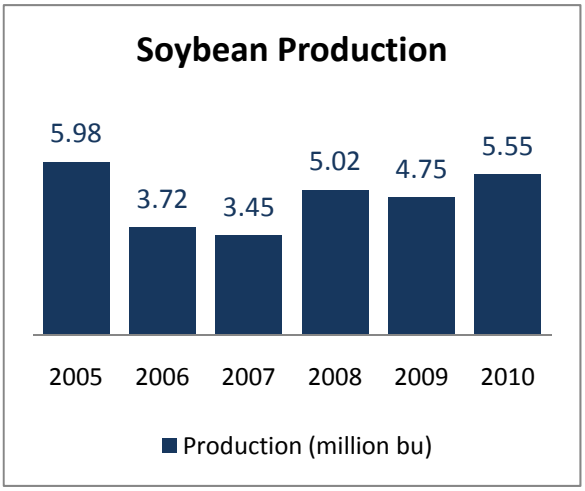
Texas **peanut** production is up 16 percent from last year, at 586.8 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,600 pounds per acre, is up 330 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is up 5 percent from last year to 163,000 acres.





Rice producers expect to harvest 13.47 million cwt, up 2 percent from 2009. Yield is forecast at 7,160 pounds per acre, 610 pounds less than last year.

The 2010 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 5.55 million bushels, up 17 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 185,000, is down 3 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 30 bushels per acre, compared to 25 bushels last year.



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U.S. Highlights: United States **corn** production is estimated at 12.4 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year's record of 13.1 billion bushels. A yield of 152.8 bushels per acre is down 11.9 bushels from last year's record. The **sorghum** crop is up 2 percent from last year at 345 million bushels. The U.S. **Upland cotton** crop is forecast to total 17.8 million bales, up 51 percent from last year. **Soybean** production is estimated at the second largest record of 3.33 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. The U.S. **peanut** crop is estimated at 4.2 billion pounds, up 13 percent from a year ago. U.S. **rice** production is estimated at 243 million cwt, up 11 percent from 2009.

2010 Annual Weather Summary

Highlights: A rapid transition from El Niño to La Niña and a persistent blocking high-pressure system over the northern Atlantic Ocean were the driving forces behind a number of extreme weather and climate events in 2010. In particular, the North Atlantic block was largely responsible for sustained cold outbreaks in Florida in both January and December 2010. Meanwhile, El Niño played a role in a stormy winter and spring in various parts of the country. Nevertheless, fields dried quickly enough in the Midwest to promote a rapid spring planting pace.

During the spring and summer growing seasons, above-normal temperatures dominated the Nation's major crop production areas, including the central and southern Plains and the Midwest. As a result, most crops developed and matured rapidly, although heat and expanding drought in the eastern Corn Belt and parts of the South reduced yield prospects. In contrast, unfavorably wet weather conditions affected parts of the western Corn Belt, where June flooding washed out some low-lying fields.

Following a warm growing season, Midwestern harvest activities proceeded at a rapid pace. Farther north and west, however, persistently cool, damp weather led to delayed small grain development and harvesting across the northern High Plains and the Northwest. California also experienced developmental and harvest delays for crops such as rice and cotton.

During autumn, signs of a developing La Niña included drought development across the Deep South and drought relief in the eastern Corn Belt. In addition, unfavorable dryness on the central and southern Plains led to a poorly established hard red winter wheat crop. Another late-year sign of La Niña's emerging presence was cold, stormy conditions from the Pacific Northwest to the upper Midwest.

Link to the US report: http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2011/CropProd-01-12-2011.pdf

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

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Texas District Estimates 2009 and 2010[1]

Corn	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
District	*1,000 acres*		*1,000 acres*		*bushels*		*1,000 bushels*	
1 - N	922.0	940.0	851.0	860.0	211.0	209.3	179,539	180,000
1 - S	103.0	90.0	79.7	70.0	189.6	200.0	15,109	14,000
4	630.6	600.0	530.3	510.0	53.2	78.4	28,208	40,000
8 - N	197.0	200.0	125.3	195.0	52.2	102.6	6,541	20,000
9	252.5	260.0	234.0	245.0	55.6	110.2	13,001	27,000
10-S	69.8	50.0	46.5	50.0	95.3	90.0	4,432	4,500
Other Districts	175.1	160.0	93.2	150.0	85.5	107.3	7,970	16,100
State	**2,350.0**	**2,300.0**	**1,960.0**	**2,080.0**	**130.0**	**145.0**	**254,800**	**301,600**

Upland Cotton	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
District	*1,000 acres*		*1,000 acres*		*pounds*		*1,000 bales*	
1 - N	600.0	800.0	501.0	733.0	880	982	918.0	1,500.0
1 - S	2,667.0	2,930.0	1,929.0	2,827.0	642	689	2,579.0	4,060.0
2 - N	340.5	370.0	286.0	367.0	594	602	354.0	460.0
2 - S	509.0	510.0	407.0	507.0	369	502	313.0	530.0
4	62.5	110.0	56.7	109.0	477	705	56.3	160.0
7	176.0	200.0	136.2	199.0	579	579	164.2	240.0
8 - N	51.5	54.0	24.2	53.0	712	951	35.9	105.0
8 - S	338.0	280.0	16.7	278.0	356	881	12.4	510.0
9	90.5	135.0	77.4	126.0	526	800	84.8	210.0
10 - S	74.7	90.0	23.2	85.0	602	847	29.1	150.0
Other Districts	90.3	71.0	42.6	66.0	826	909	73.3	125.0
State	**5,000.0**	**5,550.0**	**3,500.0**	**5,350.0**	**634**	**722**	**4,620.0**	**8,050.0**

Sorghum	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
District	*1,000 acres*		*1,000 acres*		*bushels*		*1,000 bushels*	
1 - N	495.0	395.0	395.8	330.0	66.6	69.7	26,369	23,000
1 - S	580.0	105.0	510.1	85.0	33.7	51.8	17,205	4,400
4	205.6	195.0	179.3	185.0	50.4	64.9	9,034	12,000
8 - N	121.0	84.0	75.1	83.0	37.9	75.9	2,849	6,300
8 - S	340.0	370.0	128.1	350.0	37.0	80.9	4,744	28,300
9	230.0	155.0	215.0	111.0	71.0	76.6	15,275	8,500
10 - N	51.0	65.0	20.1	60.0	35.7	58.3	718	3,500
10 - S	436.0	385.0	387.5	375.0	47.4	73.3	18,361	27,500
Other Districts	241.4	146.0	139.0	121.0	27.7	45.5	3,845	5,500
State	**2,700.0**	**1,900.0**	**2,050.0**	**1,700.0**	**48.0**	**70.0**	**98,400**	**119,000**

[1] *Preliminary, January 1, 2011.*