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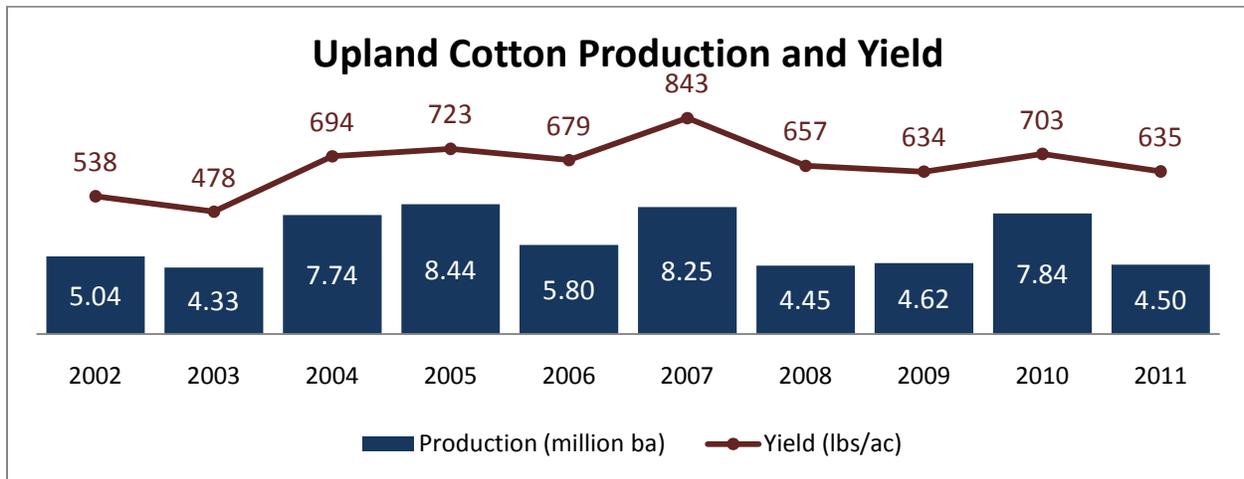
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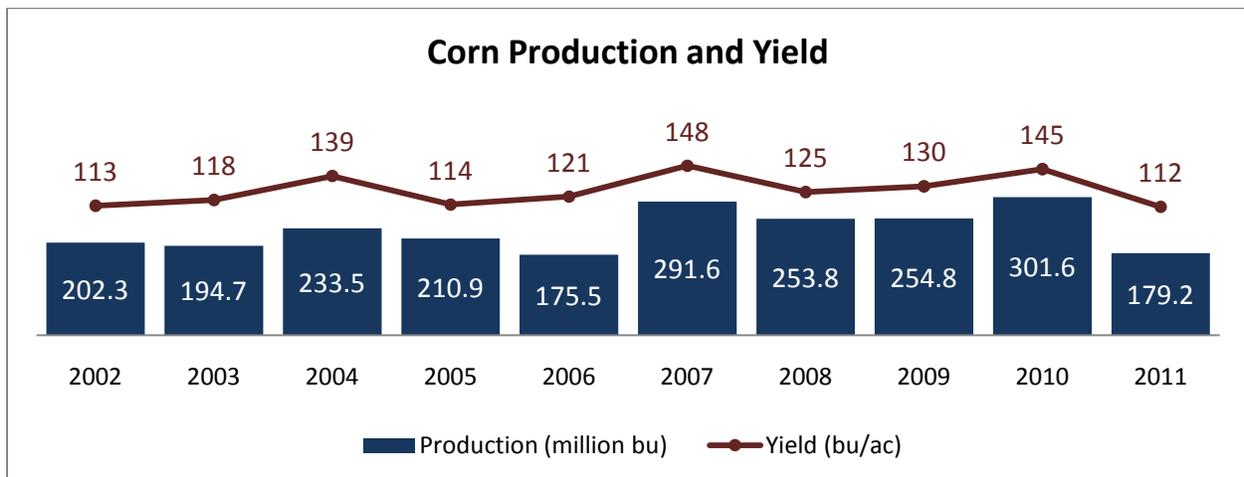
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## Texas Upland Cotton Production Estimated at 4.5 Million Bales

The 2011 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 4.5 million bales, 43 percent less than in 2010. Yield is expected to average 635 pounds per acre, compared with 703 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 3.4 million acres, down 36 percent from 2010. If realized this will be Texas largest abandonment on record at 3.7 million acres.

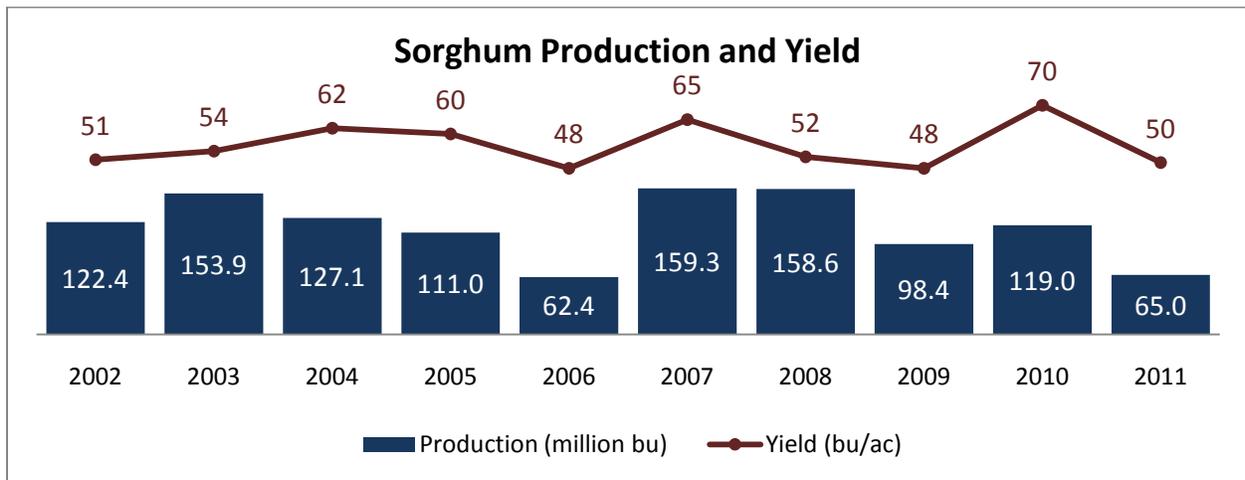


**Corn** production is forecast at 179.2 million bushels, down 41 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, statewide yield are expected to average 112 bushels per acre, down 33 bushels from 2010. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 1.6 million, are down 23 percent from last year. If realized this will be the lowest harvested acres since 2006 at 1.45 million acres.

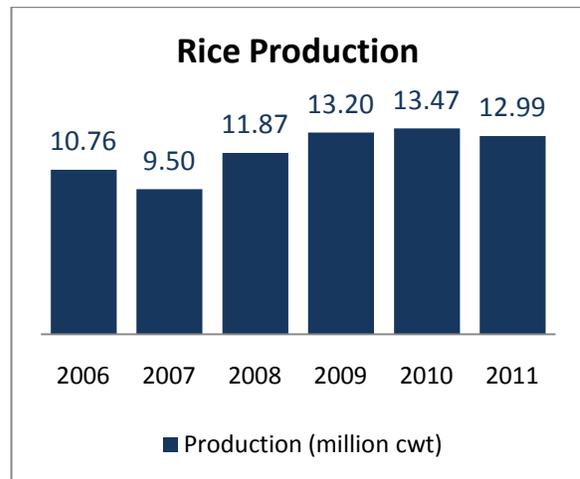
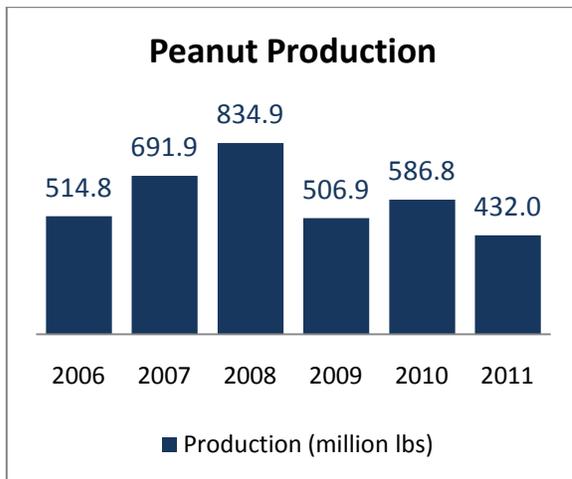


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**Sorghum** production is forecast at 65 million bushels, 45 percent less than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.3 million acres, down 24 percent from last year. Yield, at 50 bushels per acre, is down 20 bushels from last year.

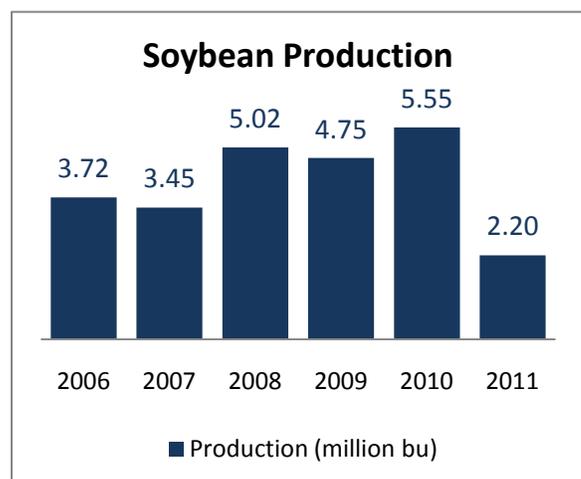


Texas **peanut** production is down 26 percent from last year, at 432 million pounds. Statewide yield, at 3,200 pounds per acre, down 400 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is down 17 percent to 135,000 acres.



**Rice** producers expect to harvest 12.99 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 7,300 pounds per acre, 140 pounds more than last year.

The 2011 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 2.2 million bushels, down 60 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 110,000, is down 41 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 20 bushels per acre, compared with 30 bushels last year.



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**Oat** production is forecast at 1.98 million bushels, down 52 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, down 19 bushels from 2010.

**U.S. Highlights:** United States **corn** production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2010. If realized this will be the third largest production total on record. A yield of 153 bushels per acre is forecast, up 0.2 bushels from last year. The **sorghum** crop is down 30 percent from last year at 240.6 million bushels. The U.S. **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 15.8 million bales, down 10 percent from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at 3.1 billion bushels, down 8 percent from last year. The U.S. **peanut** crop is estimated at 3.6 billion pounds, down 13 percent from a year ago. U.S. **rice** production is forecast at 188.1 million cwt, down 23 percent from 2010.

**Survey procedures:** *Objective yield and farm operator surveys were conducted between July 25 and August 5 to gather information on expected yields as of August 1. The objective yield surveys for corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat were conducted in the major producing States that usually account for about 75 percent of the United States production. 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 ears, bolls, pods, 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 27,000 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/2011/CropProd-08-11-2011.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp)

*(District estimates on next page)*

### Texas District Estimates 2010 and 2011<sup>1</sup>

| Corn            | Planted Acres      |                | Harvested Acres    |                | Yield per Acre |              | Production           |                |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                 | 2010               | 2011           | 2010               | 2011           | 2010           | 2011         | 2010                 | 2011           |
| <i>District</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> |                | <i>1,000 acres</i> |                | <i>bushels</i> |              | <i>1,000 bushels</i> |                |
| 1 - N           | 940.0              | 880.0          | 860.0              | 695.0          | 209.3          | 165.0        | 180,000              | 114,500        |
| 1 - S           | 90.0               | 75.0           | 70.0               | 65.0           | 200.0          | 162.0        | 14,000               | 10,500         |
| 4               | 600.0              | 425.0          | 510.0              | 340.0          | 78.4           | 49.0         | 40,000               | 16,500         |
| 8 - N           | 200.0              | 155.0          | 195.0              | 120.0          | 102.6          | 71.0         | 20,000               | 8,500          |
| 9               | 260.0              | 235.0          | 245.0              | 230.0          | 110.2          | 61.0         | 27,000               | 14,000         |
| Other Districts | 210.0              | 180.0          | 200.0              | 150.0          | 103.0          | 101.0        | 20,600               | 15,200         |
| <b>State</b>    | <b>2,300.0</b>     | <b>1,950.0</b> | <b>2,080.0</b>     | <b>1,600.0</b> | <b>145.0</b>   | <b>112.0</b> | <b>301,600</b>       | <b>179,200</b> |
| Upland Cotton   | Planted Acres      |                | Harvested Acres    |                | Yield per Acre |              | Production           |                |
|                 | 2010               | 2011           | 2010               | 2011           | 2010           | 2011         | 2010                 | 2011           |
| <i>District</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> |                | <i>1,000 acres</i> |                | <i>pounds</i>  |              | <i>1,000 bales</i>   |                |
| 1 - N           | 800.0              | 1,150.0        | 745.0              | 680.0          | 952.0          | 656.0        | 1,478.0              | 930.0          |
| 1 - S           | 2,901.0            | 3,230.0        | 2,788.0            | 1,290.0        | 663.0          | 610.0        | 3,853.0              | 1,640.0        |
| 2 - N           | 387.0              | 470.0          | 382.0              | 110.0          | 613.0          | 611.0        | 488.0                | 140.0          |
| 2 - S           | 509.0              | 740.0          | 502.0              | 180.0          | 512.0          | 613.0        | 535.0                | 230.0          |
| 4               | 111.5              | 200.0          | 110.5              | 175.0          | 694.0          | 247.0        | 159.7                | 90.0           |
| 7               | 201.0              | 300.0          | 198.9              | 80.0           | 589.0          | 780.0        | 244.0                | 130.0          |
| 8 - N           | 56.2               | 105.0          | 55.6               | 95.0           | 917.0          | 758.0        | 106.2                | 150.0          |
| 8 - S           | 279.0              | 340.0          | 277.0              | 310.0          | 851.0          | 743.0        | 491.0                | 480.0          |
| 9               | 137.5              | 230.0          | 130.3              | 200.0          | 754.0          | 516.0        | 204.7                | 215.0          |
| 10 - S          | 91.5               | 190.0          | 87.2               | 180.0          | 809.0          | 827.0        | 146.9                | 310.0          |
| Other Districts | 76.3               | 145.0          | 73.5               | 100.0          | 872.0          | 888.0        | 133.5                | 185.0          |
| <b>State</b>    | <b>5,550.0</b>     | <b>7,100.0</b> | <b>5,350.0</b>     | <b>3,400.0</b> | <b>703.0</b>   | <b>635.0</b> | <b>7,840.0</b>       | <b>4,500.0</b> |
| Sorghum         | Planted Acres      |                | Harvested Acres    |                | Yield per Acre |              | Production           |                |
|                 | 2010               | 2011           | 2010               | 2011           | 2010           | 2011         | 2010                 | 2011           |
| <i>District</i> | <i>1,000 acres</i> |                | <i>1,000 acres</i> |                | <i>bushels</i> |              | <i>1,000 bushels</i> |                |
| 1 - N           | 354.0              | 365.0          | 311.5              | 180.0          | 73.5           | 42.0         | 22,899               | 7,500          |
| 1 - S           | 107.0              | 60.0           | 97.5               | 55.0           | 54.7           | 44.0         | 5,334                | 2,400          |
| 4               | 197.5              | 220.0          | 182.2              | 180.0          | 63.3           | 44.0         | 11,538               | 8,000          |
| 8 - N           | 83.3               | 85.0           | 76.6               | 80.0           | 75.0           | 46.0         | 5,747                | 3,700          |
| 8 - S           | 399.0              | 325.0          | 379.9              | 320.0          | 79.7           | 66.0         | 30,284               | 21,000         |
| 9               | 167.4              | 140.0          | 114.3              | 130.0          | 74.0           | 52.0         | 8,463                | 6,800          |
| 10 - S          | 412.0              | 310.0          | 385.7              | 300.0          | 69.5           | 43.0         | 26,825               | 13,000         |
| Other Districts | 179.8              | 95.0           | 152.3              | 55.0           | 51.9           | 47.0         | 7,910                | 2,600          |
| <b>State</b>    | <b>1,900.0</b>     | <b>1,600.0</b> | <b>1,700.0</b>     | <b>1,300.0</b> | <b>70.0</b>    | <b>50.0</b>  | <b>119,000</b>       | <b>65,000</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary, August 2011