



September Crop Production Report

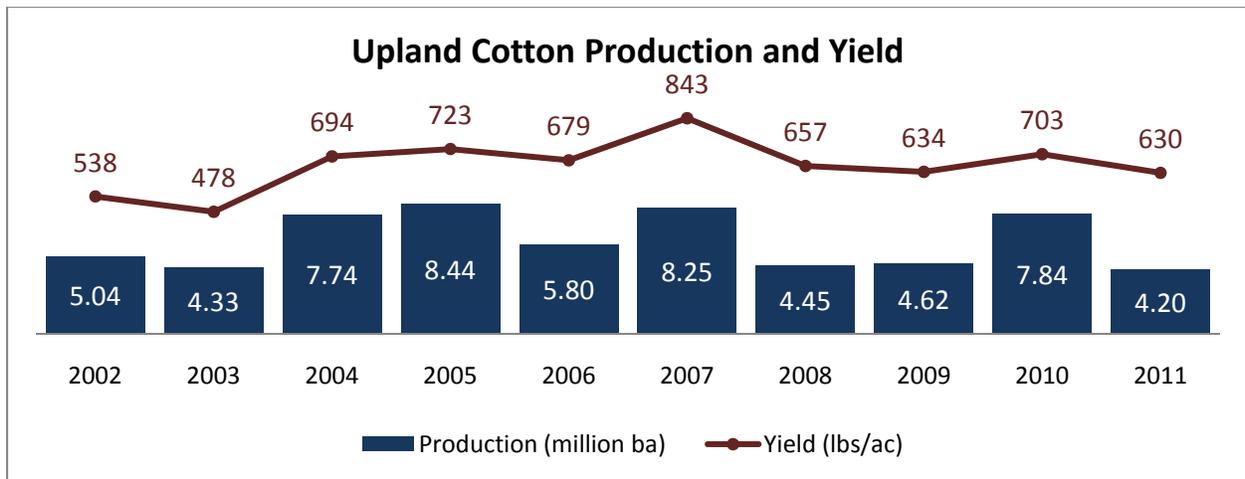
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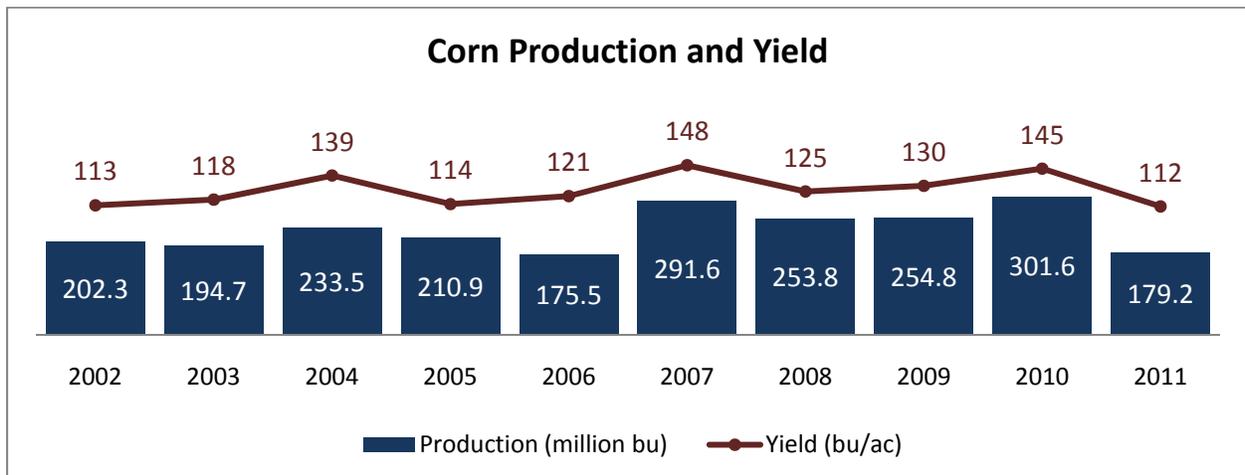
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This report contains the results from the September 2011 Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys. Our thanks to all farmers who responded to the Ag Yield survey and to those cotton producers who permitted objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

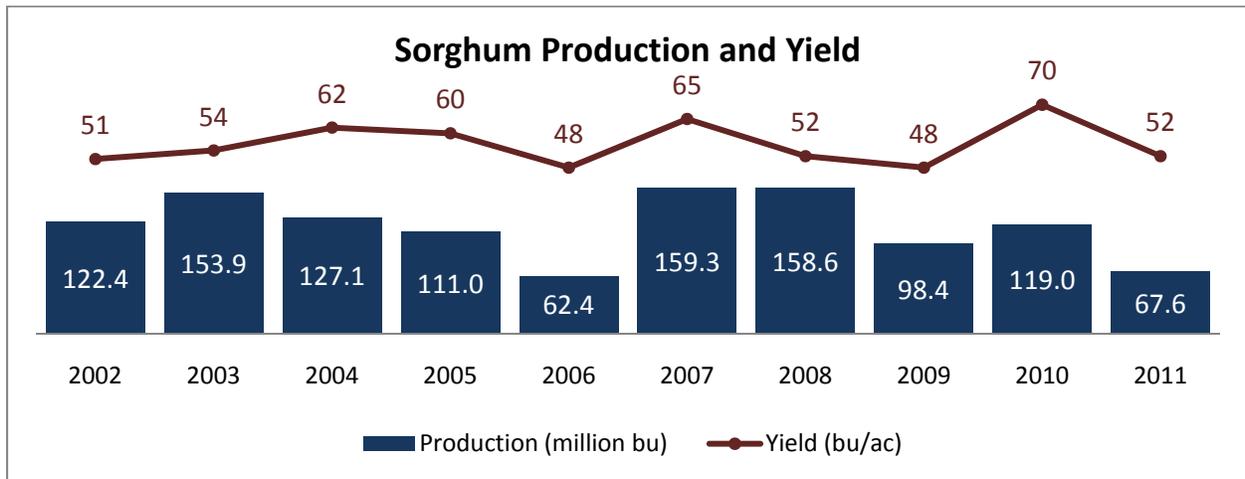
The 2011 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 4.2 million bales, down 7 percent from last month and 46 percent less than in 2010. Yield is expected to average 630 pounds per acre, compared with 703 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 3.2 million acres, down 40 percent from 2010.



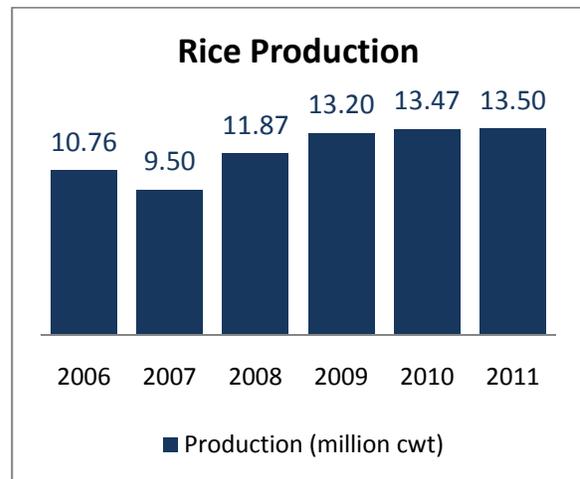
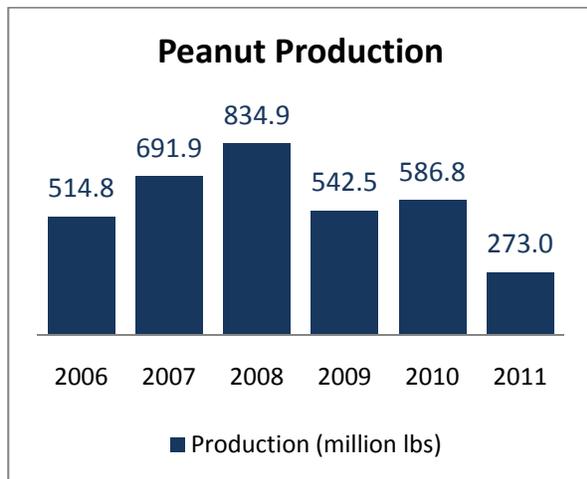
Corn production is forecast at 179.2 million bushels, unchanged for last month, down 41 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, statewide yield are expected to average 112 bushels per acre, down 33 bushels from 2010. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 1.6 million, are down 23 percent from last year and unchanged from last month.



Sorghum production is forecast at 67.6 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month and 43 percent less than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.3 million acres, down 24 percent from last year. Yield, at 52 bushels per acre, is up 2 bushels from last month but down 18 bushels from last year.

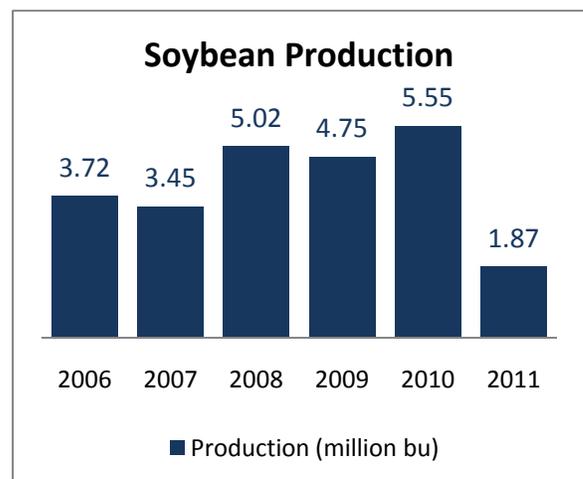


Texas **peanut** production is down 53 percent from last year, at 273.0 million pounds, and down 37 percent from last month. Statewide yield, at 2,600 pounds per acre, down 600 pounds from last month. Harvested acreage is down 36 percent from last year to 105,000 acres.



Rice producers expect to harvest 13.5 million cwt, up slightly from 2010. Yield is forecast at 7,500 pounds per acre, 340 pounds more than last year, and 200 pounds more than last month.

The 2010 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 1.87 million bushels, down 66 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 110,000, is down 41 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 17 bushels per acre, compared with 30 bushels last year, and 20 bushels for last month.



U.S. Highlights: United States **corn** production is forecast at a record high 12.5 billion bushels, up slightly from 2010. A yield of 148.1 bushels per acre is forecast, down 4.7 bushels from last year's record. The **sorghum** crop is down 29 percent from last year at 244.1 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 a record high 3.1 billion bushels, down 7 percent from last year. The U.S. **peanut** crop is estimated at 3.46 billion pounds, down 17 percent from a year ago. U.S. **rice** production is forecast at 191 million cwt, down 21 percent from 2010.

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 and wheat 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.

Special Notice: Due to loss of funding, District Level estimates for cotton, corn, and sorghum are only being provided for August and October during the forecast season. However, we are providing a 5 year historical tool which shows month to month changes in the proportions of cotton, corn and sorghum production by Texas Districts. This tool can be accessed at:

Link to USDA-NASS website:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Texas/Publications/Crop Reports/General Crops/index.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Texas/Publications/Crop_Reports/General_Crops/index.htm)

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Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/CropProd/CropProd-09-12-2011.pdf>