



September Crop Production Report

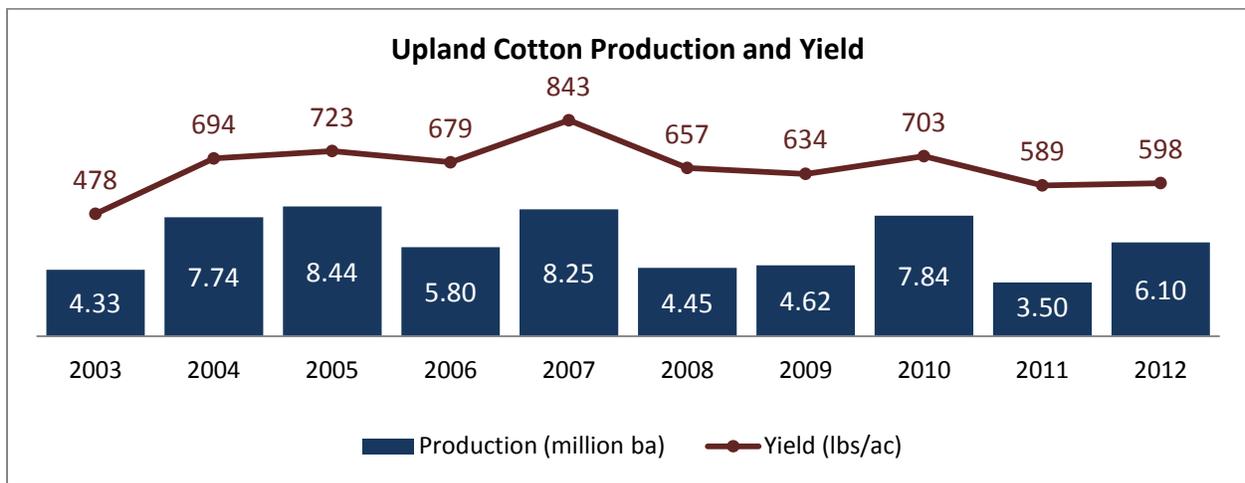
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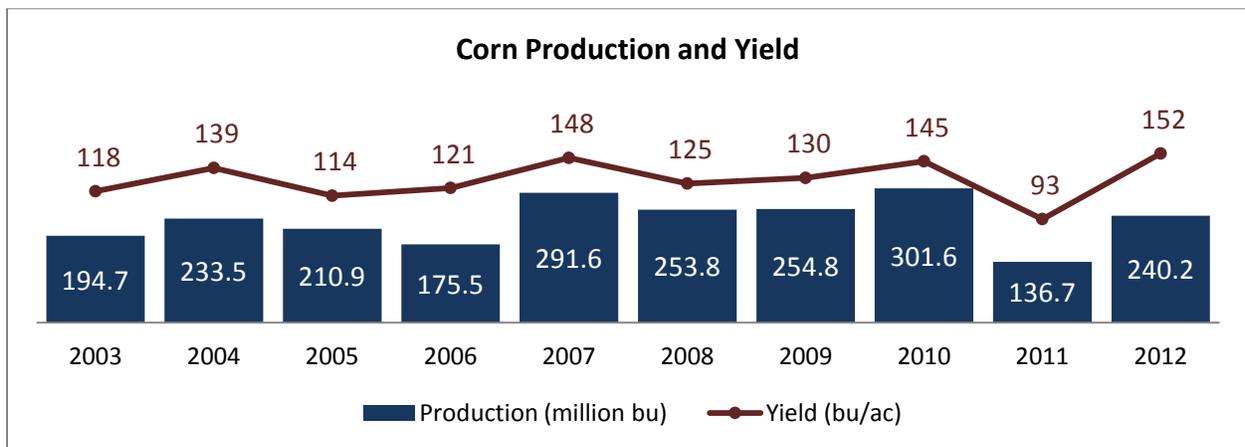
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This report contains the results from the September 2012 Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys. Our thanks to all farmers who responded to the Ag Yield survey and to those cotton producers who permitted objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

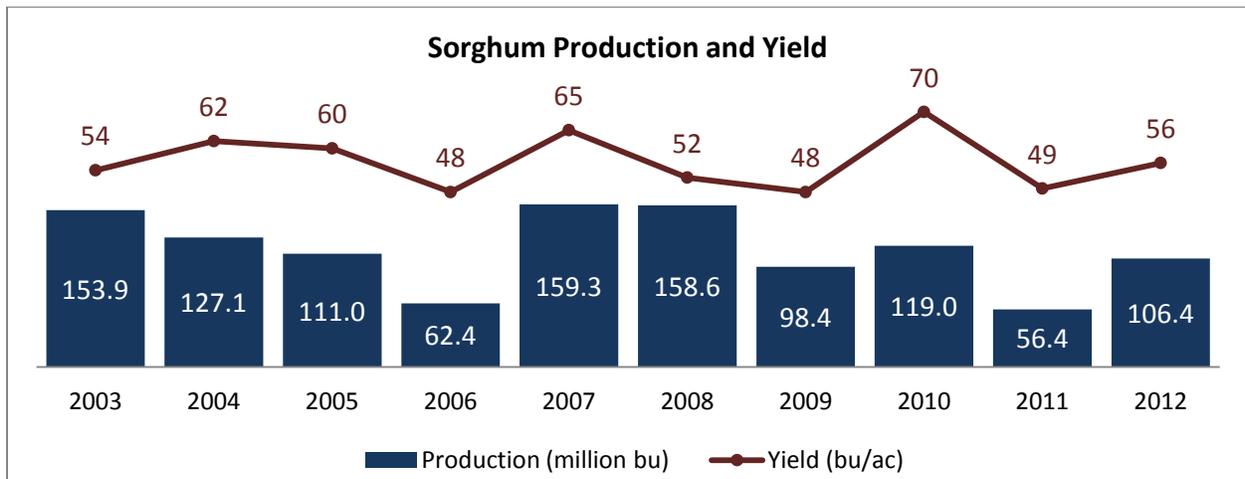
The 2012 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 6.1 million bales, down 9 percent from last month and 74 percent more than in 2011. Yield is expected to average 598 pounds per acre, compared with 589 pounds last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 4.9 million acres, up 72 percent from 2011.



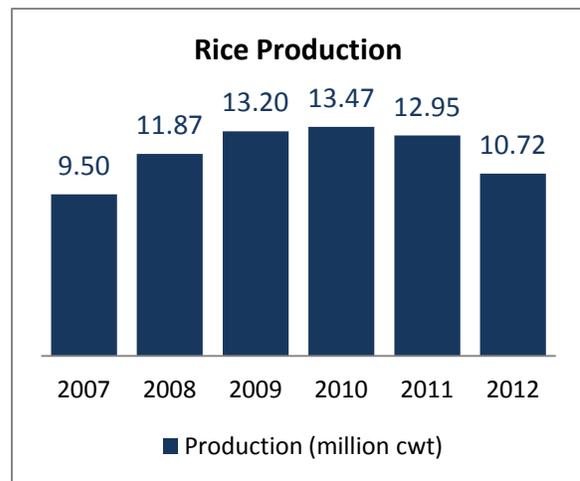
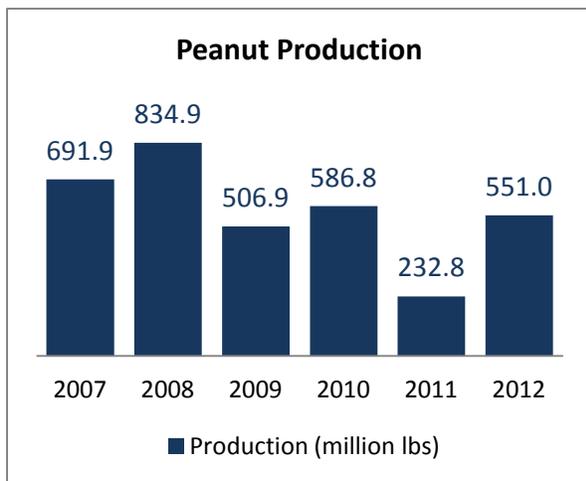
Corn production is forecast at 240 million bushels, up from last month, and up 76 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, statewide yield are expected to average 152 bushels per acre, up 59 bushels from 2011. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 1.58 million, are up 7 percent from last year and unchanged from last month.



Sorghum production is forecast at 106.4 million bushels, no change from last month and 89 percent more than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.9 million acres, up 65 percent from last year. Yield, at 56 bushels per acre, is up 7 bushels from 2011.

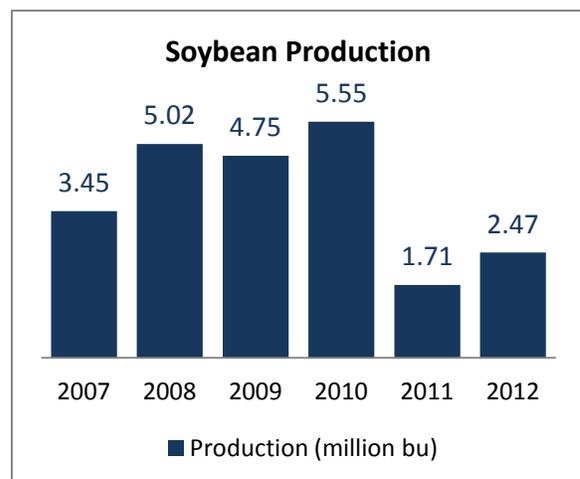


Texas **peanut** production is up 137 percent from last year, at 551 million pounds, and up 22 percent from last month. Statewide yield, at 3,800 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from last month. Harvested acreage is up 49 percent from last year to 145,000 acres.



Rice production is forecasted at 10.72 million cwt, down 17 percent from 2011. Yield is forecast at 8,000 pounds per acre, 810 pounds more than last year, and 100 pounds more than last month.

The 2012 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 2.47 million bushels, up 44 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 85,000, is down 6 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 29 bushels per acre, compared with 19 bushels last year, and 35 bushels for last month.



U.S. Highlights: United States **corn** production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. A yield of 122.8 bushels per acre is forecast, 24.4 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. The **sorghum** crop is up 15 percent from last year at 246 million bushels. The U.S. **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 16.5 million bales, up 12 percent from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 14 percent from last year. The U.S. **peanut** crop is estimated at 5.92 billion pounds, up 63 percent from a year ago. U.S. **rice** production is forecast at 196 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2011.

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.

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