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FLORIDA: Corn planting started in late March with most of the crop planted by the end of April. Tobacco transplanting was active during April. Cotton and peanut planting began about mid-April. A frost on April 19 damaged some young plants in northern areas. Dry conditions in early May delayed some cotton and peanut planting. Producers cut irrigated hay during May and June with most dryland hay badly damaged by the drought. Spotty showers during late May helped replenish soil moisture. Small grain harvesting started during late May. Storms continued to ease drought conditions in some localities during June with the remains of Tropical Storm Allison dropping significant amounts in some Panhandle and northern Peninsula areas about mid-month. Tobacco harvesting began about mid-June. Growers finished the last plantings for cotton and peanuts in mid-to-late June. Oldest cotton fields started to bloom during late June.

CORN: Corn planted for all purposes totaled 78,000 acres, down 8 percent from last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 30,000 acres, up 7 percent from 2000. Planting started in March and continued through most of April. Irrigated corn is in good condition. Dryland corn was hurt by the drought. Recent rains helped.

COTTON: Planted cotton acreage is estimated at 120,000 acres, 8 percent less than last year. Planting started around the middle of April with early fields up to good stands by the end of April. Dry conditions delayed some planting and caused early plant stress. Irrigated acreage

is in good condition. Rains during recent weeks helped the crop.

ALL HAY: Acreage of all types of hay, cut and to be cut, is placed at 270,000 acres, the same as last year. Many non-irrigated hay fields showed early drought stress but recent rains helped. Cutting is active.

PEANUTS: Planted acreage of peanuts is estimated at 95,000 acres, up one percent from last year. Of the planted acreage, 87,000 acres are expected to be harvested for dry nuts. The remaining 8,000 acres will be used for green peanuts. Continued dry weather delayed planting and hurt the crop. Recent rains helped.

SOYBEANS: Rains finally arrived in some localities of Florida's Panhandle during May. These storms provided adequate soil moisture for planting. Rains from the remains of Tropical Storm Allison, which passed over the area about mid-June, boosted growth of older acreage with no significant damage reported. Growers continued to plant throughout June and in July with planted acreage estimated at 15,000 acres, down 5,000 acres or 25 percent from the 20,000 acres planted in 2000. Acreage to be picked for beans is set at 14,000 acres, down 1,000 acres or seven percent from a year ago.

SUGARCANE: Almost daily rains are boosting growth and development of the crop. Acreage to be harvested for sugar and seed during the 2001-2002 season is set at 469,000 acres, up five percent from a year ago.

TOBACCO: Irrigated tobacco fields are in good condition with the yield for dryland acreage affected by the earlier drought. Harvesting began about mid-June with almost all production to be sold under contract. No Florida markets will operate this year. Producers expect to harvest 4,500 acres during 2001, equal to the acreage harvested last year.

FLORIDA CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested ^{1/}	
	2000	2001	2000	2001 ^{2/}
	1,000 acres			
All Corn	85.0	78.0	28.0	30.0
Soybeans	20.0	15.0	15.0	14.0
Peanuts	94.0	95.0	86.0	87.0
All Cotton	130.0	120.0	106.0	3/
All Hay	--	--	270.0	270.0
Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed	--	--	445.0	469.0
Tobacco	--	--	4.5	4.5
Winter Wheat	13.0	10.0	9.0	9.0

^{1/} Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc. ^{2/} Forecasted. ^{3/} Estimates to be released August 10, 2001.

UNITED STATES CROP HIGHLIGHTS

CORN: The planted area for corn for all purposes is estimated at 76.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 69.3 million acres for grain, down 5 percent from 2000. This is the lowest acreage since 1995 when excess rainfall limited plantings. The corn acreage estimate is based on survey information collected between May 30 and June 18. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 98 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared to an average of 97 percent for the past 10 years.

WINTER WHEAT: Area harvested for grain is now expected to total 31.7 million acres, down one percent from the June 1 forecast and 10 percent below the 2000 total. This is the smallest area for grain since 1933. Planted area is slightly below the previous estimate and 5 percent below last year's acreage.

SOYBEANS: The 2001 planted area for soybeans is estimated at 75.4 million acres, one percent above last year's acreage. Area for harvest is estimated at 74.3 million acres, up two percent from 2000. If realized, this will be the largest planted and harvested acreage on record. Planted acreage has consistently increased every year since 1990 when the soybean planted area totaled 57.8 million acres.

PEANUTS: Acreage planted to peanuts in 2001 is estimated at 1.47 million acres, down four percent from the 2000 plantings and down four percent from the 1999 level. Area for harvest is estimated at 1.44 million acres, up seven percent from last year. Southeast growers (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) planted 776,000 acres, down two percent from 2000. Favorable planting conditions existed across the region with the exception of Florida where dry weather and soils delayed planting. Most of the region's peanut crop was planted during the first three weeks of May. Crop conditions as of June 24 indicated 59 percent of the crop in Alabama rated good to excellent, 73 percent in Florida, and 74 percent in Georgia.

COTTON: The United States planted area of all cotton for 2001 is estimated at 16.3 million acres, five percent above last year. Upland cotton acreage is expected to total 16.1 million acres, up five percent from 2000. Growers planted 235,000 acres of American-Pima cotton, up 38 percent from 2000. Producers in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) planted 3.80 million acres of upland cotton. This is an increase of seven percent from 2000. Many cotton producers delayed planting in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina due to excessively dry soils. By late May, Georgia farmers were still five percentage points behind the 5-year average, while South Carolina producers were 16 percentage points behind average. Conversely, planting gained momentum during late April in Alabama, North Carolina, and Virginia. Alabama producers planted over one-third of their acreage during the last week of April. By the end of May, Alabama, North Carolina, and Virginia had all nearly completed planting.

HAY: Producers expect to harvest 63.8 million acres of all hay in 2001, up seven percent from the 59.9 million acres harvested in 2000. This is the largest harvested acreage of all hay since 1988. Last year's drought-reduced acres in western and southern States, combined with a very cold winter in many areas of the U.S., resulted in very low U.S. hay stocks on May 1, 2001.

TOBACCO: U.S. all tobacco area for harvest in 2001 is forecast at 451,220 acres, down four percent from the 2000 crop and one percent below the March intentions. If realized, this would be the lowest harvested acreage since 1874. Flue-cured tobacco, at 247,500 acres is one percent below a year ago. Flue-cured acreage, which accounts for 55 percent of this year's total tobacco acreage, is expected to be at a record low. Acreage in North Carolina, the leading State, is up one percent from last year. However, decreases of 13 percent in Georgia and six percent in South Carolina have more than offset the North Carolina increase.

UNITED STATES CROP ACREAGE

Crop	Planted for all purposes		Harvested or to be harvested ^{1/}	
	2000	2001	2000	2001 ^{2/}
1,000 acres				
Corn	79,545.0	76,109.0	72,732.0	69,291.0
Sorghum	9,195.0	9,747.0	7,723.0	8,857.0
Oats	4,477.0	4,404.0	2,324.0	2,186.0
All wheat	62,529.0	59,604.0	53,028.0	49,331.0
Winter wheat	43,348.0	41,318.0	35,022.0	31,657.0
Soybeans	74,496.0	75,416.0	72,718.0	74,337.0
Peanuts	1,536.8	1,474.0	1,336.0	1,435.8 ^{3/}
All cotton	15,517.2	16,289.0	13,053.0	
All hay	--	--	59,854.0	63,833.0
All tobacco	--	--	472.4	451.2
Sugarbeets	1,565.2	1,368.1	1,374.3	1,337.2
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	--	--	1,025.0	1,054.2

^{1/} Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., grain, beans, nuts, etc. ^{2/} Forecasted. ^{3/} Estimates to be released August 10, 2001.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory numbers, breeding, market, and total, June 1, 2000 and 2001

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2000	2001	2001 As % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 As % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 As % of 2000
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
AR	110	105	95	580	555	96	690	660	96
CO	210	170	81	680	590	87	890	760	85
IL	430	420	98	3,720	3,680	99	4,150	4,100	99
IN	350	350	100	2,900	2,750	95	3,250	3,100	95
IA	1,160	1,120	97	14,240	13,980	98	15,400	15,100	98
KS	150	165	110	1,240	1,365	110	1,390	1,530	110
MI	110	110	100	880	810	92	990	920	93
MN	580	600	103	5,120	5,300	104	5,700	5,900	104
MO	380	390	103	2,620	2,660	102	3,000	3,050	102
NE	370	360	97	2,530	2,540	100	2,900	2,900	100
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,600	8,700	101	9,600	9,700	101
OH	160	160	100	1,240	1,300	105	1,400	1,460	104
OK	340	330	97	1,930	1,860	96	2,270	2,190	96
PA	125	120	96	925	920	99	1,050	1,040	99
SD	125	140	112	1,105	1,130	102	1,230	1,270	103
TX	85	95	112	785	765	97	870	860	99
WI	65	75	115	515	515	100	580	590	102
Oth Sts ^{1/}	484	488	101	3,274	3,463	106	3,757	3,951	105
US	6,234	6,198	99	52,884	52,883	100	59,117	59,081	100

^{1/} Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

MARKET HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number by weight groups, June 1, 2000 and 2001

State	Under 60 lbs		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs and over	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 head							
AR	210	190	135	145	130	120	105	100
CO	390	330	90	65	90	75	110	120
IL	1,360	1,320	920	940	820	770	620	650
IN	1,140	990	670	680	570	540	520	540
IA	4,480	4,300	4,060	3,950	3,080	3,130	2,620	2,600
KS	500	470	245	300	235	245	260	350
MI	390	310	200	215	160	160	130	125
MN	2,060	2,150	1,250	1,300	1,020	1,090	790	760
MO	1,150	1,300	660	560	510	490	300	310
NE	1,010	1,010	640	650	500	510	380	370
NC	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,110	1,700	1,720	1,400	1,370
OH	520	520	290	325	270	285	160	170
OK	840	840	400	310	230	280	460	430
PA	340	360	250	235	195	185	140	140
SD	390	420	310	280	240	250	165	180
TX	230	270	200	145	160	150	195	200
WI	195	200	120	120	110	105	90	90
Oth Sts ^{1/}	1,202	1,219	807	860	690	743	574	642
US	19,907	19,699	13,247	13,190	10,710	10,848	9,019	9,147

^{1/} Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

UNITED STATES: HOGS AND PIGS

INVENTORY of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2001, was 59.1 million head. This was slightly below June 2000, but 1 percent above March 1, 2001.

Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was down 1 percent from June 1, 2000, and down 1 percent from March 1, 2001. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was slightly below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2001 U.S. pig crop at 25.5 million head, was slightly less than 2000, and 3 percent less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, slightly below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to 8.88 pigs saved per litter for the March-May 2001 period, compared to 8.86 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the June-August 2001 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000 and slightly above 1999. Intended farrowings for September-November, at 2.91 million sows, are 2 percent above the same period in both 2000 and 1999.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 32 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: U.S. inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2000 and 2001.

	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
1,000 head			
June 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	59,117	59,081	100
Kept for breeding	6,234	6,198	99
Market	52,884	52,883	100
Market hogs and pigs			
by weight groups:			
Under 60 pounds	19,970	19,699	99
60-119 pounds	13,247	13,190	100
120-179 pounds	10,710	10,848	101
180 pounds	9,019	9,147	101
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} -February	2,798	2,825	101
March-May	2,885	2,878	100
December ^{1/} -May	5,683	5,703	100
June-August ^{2/}	2,889	2,924	101
September-November	2,848	2,905	102
June-November ^{2/}	5,737	5,829	102
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} -February	24,522	24,776	101
March-May	25,565	25,544	100
December ^{1/} -May	50,087	50,321	100
June-August	25,548		
September-November	25,208		
June-November	50,756		

^{1/} December preceding year. ^{2/} Intentions for 2001.