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# FIELD CROPS

Crop Production



FLORIDA  
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## FLORIDA

**PEANUTS:** Production is estimated at 261.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from last month and up 22 percent from last year. The estimated yield for 2001 is 3,000 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the previous month and up 515 pounds from 2000. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 87,000 acres, up one percent from last year. Harvest was active during October with 95 percent of the peanuts harvested by October 28 compared to 93 percent last year.

**SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED:** The crop is in good condition. Harvesting started about mid-October with both planting

and harvesting interrupted by rains from Hurricane Michelle. Production is expected to total 16,740,000 tons. Growers plan to harvest 465,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 36 tons per acre.

**TOBACCO:** Production is unchanged from last month and is expected to total 11,700,000 pounds compared with 11,475,000 pounds harvested in 2000. Acreage harvested is set at 4,500 acres while yield per acre is estimated at 2,600 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the 2000 average of 2,550 pounds.

## UNITED STATES

**COTTON:** Production is forecast at 20.2 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month and up 17 percent from 2000. Yield is expected to average 685 pounds per harvested acre, up 4 pounds from last month. Lower production forecasts in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas were more than offset by increased production forecasts in California, Georgia, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Production levels in Louisiana and Mississippi have been adversely affected by extremely wet conditions, resulting in above average harvest loss. Upland cotton harvested acreage, at 13.9 million acres, is unchanged from the October estimate but 8 percent above last year. In the Southeastern States, cotton picking was aided throughout October by favorable dry weather in most areas. However, harvest remained behind the 5-year average in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina due to a slow developing crop. Harvest progressed ahead of normal in both North Carolina and Virginia, despite a slow start in North Carolina.

**PEANUTS:** Production is forecast at 4.16 billion pounds, up 7 percent from last month and 27 percent above last year's crop. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.39 million acres, unchanged from October but up 4 percent from 2000. Yields are expected to average 2,990 pounds per acre, 207 pounds above last month and up 546 pounds from 2000. This yield, if realized, will surpass the record high of 2,883 pounds per acre set in 1984. Production in the Southeast States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) is expected to total 2.40 billion pounds, up 9 percent from last month and 30 percent above last year's level. Yield in the four-State area is expected to average 3,143 pounds per acre, up 255 pounds from October and 750 pounds above 2000. Yield prospects in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia improved from last month, while South Carolina was unchanged. Digging progressed with few rain delays along the mid-Atlantic Coastal Plains and eastern Gulf Coast, although delays were briefly encountered in Alabama and Florida shortly after mid-month.

**SUGARCANE:** Production is forecast at 36.1 million tons, 1 percent below the October forecast and fractionally below last year's record high. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 1.03 million acres for sugar and seed during the 2001 crop year. This is unchanged from the previous month, but slightly higher than last year's harvested acres. Yield is forecast at 35.0 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from the October 1 forecast and 0.2 ton below last year's yield. Louisiana's harvested acreage is down 1 percent from last year's record acreage, the first year-to-year decline since 1996. The yield forecast in Louisiana fell 1 ton from October, but is still the second highest on record, 0.8 ton below the 1999 record. Ideal weather aided harvest in Louisiana and Texas, and harvest remained active in Hawaii.

**TOBACCO:** Flue-cured production including types 11 through 14 is expected to total 619 million pounds, 4 percent above last month and up 3 percent from 2000. Growers plan to harvest 247,500 acres in 2001, down 1 percent from last year. Yields are forecast to average

2,501 pounds per acre, 98 pounds above the October forecast and 105 pounds more than the previous year. Yields in North Carolina, the leading flue-cured State, increased from the October forecast as growing conditions were excellent the entire growing season. Rainfall was timely with virtually no excessively hot days or destructive tropical storms.

**FALL POTATOES:** Production of fall potatoes for 2001 is forecast at 401 million cwt, down 14 percent from last year and the smallest fall crop since 1993. Area harvested, at 1.09 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 367 cwt per acre, a drop of 25 cwt from last year. After a record high production last year, the fall potato crop is smaller in 20 of the 22 fall producing States. Only Indiana and Massachusetts have larger crops this year. Shortages of irrigation water severely reduced acreage in the Klamath Basin of California and Oregon. Hot, dry weather stretched across the north central States and to the east coast during midsummer but abated as rains came the last of August. Most States reported reduced yields from the hot weather when compared with the record high yields a year ago. Disease problems were held to a minimum. Harvest was completed on time with little or no major problems.

**CORN:** Production is forecast at 9.55 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but down 4 percent from 2000. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 138.0 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from October. If realized, this would be the fourth largest production and second highest yield on record. Farmers in Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska found larger than expected yields as late planted fields reached maturity under ideal conditions and harvest accelerated after mid-October. Yield prospects in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin remained high despite heavy October precipitation that slowed harvest.

**SOYBEANS:** Production is forecast at a record high 2.92 billion bushels, up 1 percent from October 1, and 6 percent above 2000. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.4 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from last month and 1.3 bushels above 2000. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record high 74.1 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 2 percent from 2000. Yield increases in the Great Plains and Mississippi Valley regions more than offset yield decreases in the northern mid-Atlantic States and Ohio.

**SORGHUM:** Production is forecast at 537 million bushels, up slightly from October and up 14 percent from 2000. Based on November 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast, at 61.2 bushels per acre, is up 0.2 bushel from October, and up 0.3 bushel from last year. Yield forecasts for Kansas and Texas, which account for 70 percent of the U.S. production, remained unchanged from October. Arkansas expects a record yield of 86 bushels, topping the 1999 record of 78 bushels. The forecast acreage to be harvested for grain, at 8.78 million acres, is unchanged from last month but 14 percent higher than 2000.

Crop production: Acreage for harvest and forecasts of yield and production for Florida and United States as of November 1, 2001 with comparisons <sup>5/</sup>

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2000	For harvest 2001	2000	Indicated 2001		2000	Indicated 2001
	Thousands		Units			Thousands	
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Cotton <sup>2/</sup>	106	124	480	650	<sup>1/</sup>	106	168
Peanuts	86.0	87.0	2,485	3,000	Lbs.	213,710	261,000
Pecans, all <sup>2/</sup>					Lbs.	3,300	5,300
Potatoes:							
Winter <sup>2/</sup>	8.0	5.0	260	265	Cwt	2,080	1,325
Spring <sup>2/</sup>	21.5	22.0	295	270	Cwt	6,343	5,940
Sugarcane	445	465	38.3	36.0	Ton	17,045	16,740
Tobacco, Type 14	4.5	4.5	2,550	2,600	Lbs.	11,475	11,700
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
Corn for grain	72,732	69,191	137.1	138.0	Bu.	9,968,358	9,545,513
Cotton, all <sup>4/</sup>	13,053.0	14,139.5	632	685	<sup>1/</sup>	17,188.3	20,175.0
Hay, All	59,854	63,833	2.54	2.54	Ton	152,183	162,303
Peanuts for nuts	1,336.0	1,390.5	2,444	2,990	Lbs.	3,265,505	4,157,400
Pecans, all					Lbs	209,850	355,300
Potatoes:							
Winter <sup>2/</sup>	17.0	14.0	292	294	Cwt	4,960	4,115
Spring <sup>2/</sup>	75.6	72.5	290	269	Cwt	21,921	19,500
Summer <sup>2/</sup>	63.2	59.2	304	296	Cwt	19,236	17,503
Fall	1,192.2	1,091.4	392	367	Cwt	467,504	400,730
Rice	3,039	3,290	6,281	6,374	<sup>3/</sup>	190,872	209,709
Sorghum for grain	7,723	8,777	60.9	61.2	Bu.	470,070	536,755
Soybeans for beans	72,408	74,137	38.1	39.4	Bu.	2,757,810	2,922,914
Sugarbeets	1,374.3	1,249.9	23.6	20.7	Ton	32,436	25,899
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	1,025.7	1,029.2	35.2	35.0	Ton	36,117	36,059
Tobacco, All	472.4	451.2	2,229	2,355	Lbs.	1,052,998	1,062,751
Tobacco, Flue-Cured, Types 11-14	250.0	247.5	2,396	2,501	Lbs	598,915	618,950
Tobacco, Type 14	35.5	31.5	2,262	2,429	Lbs.	80,295	76,500
Wheat, all	53,133	48,653	42.0	40.2	Bu.	2,232,460	1,957,643
Winter	35,072	31,295	44.7	43.5	Bu.	1,566,023	1,361,479
Durum	3,572	2,789	30.7	30.0	Bu.	109,805	83,556
Other spring	14,489	14,569	38.4	35.2	Bu.	556,632	512,608

<sup>1/</sup> Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. <sup>2/</sup> Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. <sup>3/</sup> Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. <sup>4/</sup> Includes both upland and Amer-Pima cotton. <sup>5/</sup> Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2001 crop year.