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### Soybean Production Up and Corn Production Stable

**Maryland:** Based on conditions November 1<sup>st</sup>, soybean production is expected to increase slightly from the October forecast to 15.5 million bushels and corn production is expected to remain at 52.4 million bushels, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. **Corn** production is forecast at 52.4 million bushels, up 62 percent from last year's production of 32.3 million bushels, and down 6 percent from 2001's production of 55.7 million bushels. Yield is projected at 131 bushels per acre, up 55 bushels from last year's estimate of 76 bushels per acre, and down 5 bushels from 2001's yield of 136 bushels per acre. Corn harvest was 83 percent complete according to the November 3 *Weekly Crop and Weather Report*.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 15.5 million bushels, up 44 percent from last year, and down 22 percent from 2001. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, up 14 bushels from 2002's final estimate of 23 bushels per acre, and down 2 bushels from 2001's yield of 39 bushels per acre. Soybean harvest in early November was at 43 percent complete, according to the *Weekly Crop and Weather Report*.

**United States:** **Corn** production is forecast at 10.3 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 14 percent above 2002. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 143.2 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from October and up 13.2 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. Both previous records were set in 1994. Of the major producing States, Illinois and Ohio are expecting record yields. Yields are also forecast at record highs in 8 other States located mostly in the Southeast.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.45 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and 11 percent below 2002. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 33.8 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from October and down 4.2 bushels from 2002. As harvest progressed, producers realized yield decreases from last month in South Dakota, upper Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes, and eastern Corn Belt. However, in Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, the Tennessee Valley, and along the Atlantic Coastal Plains, yield prospects increased from last month. Area for harvest is forecast at 72.5 million acres, unchanged from last month but up fractionally from 2002.

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## ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2002 AND 2003

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
<b>Maryland</b>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	510	480	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	425	400	76	131	32,300	52,400
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	80	----	12	----	960	----
Soybeans	BU	490	430	470	420	23	37	10,810	15,540
Sorghum <sup>1</sup>	BU	5	6	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	4	4	47	----	188	----
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	1	---	11	----	11	----
Winter Wheat	BU	195	165	180	145	66	37	11,880	5,365
Barley	BU	45	45	41	38	82	57	3,362	2,166
All Hay	TON	----	----	220	215	2.3	----	508	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	60	50	2.6	----	156	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	160	165	2.2	----	352	----
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	1.7	1.5	1,400	1,400	2,380	2,100
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	32,000	37,000
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6	250	240	1,175	1,104
<b>United States</b>		<i>1,000,000</i>						<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn <sup>1</sup>	ACR	79,054	79,066	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	69,313	71,765	130	143	9,008	10,278
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	7,490	----	14	----	105	----
Soybeans	BU	73,923	73,585	72,437	72,538	38	34	2,749	2,452
Sorghum <sup>1</sup>	BU	9,580	9,509	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sorghum Grain	BU	----	----	7,299	7,851	50.7	51.0	370	400
Sorghum Silage	TON	----	----	352	----	9.5	----	3	----
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,845	44,945	29,751	36,541	39	47	1,146	1,707
Barley	BU	5,071	5,299	4,129	4,688	55	59	227	276
All Hay	TON	----	----	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.50	151	161
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.34	74	79
Other Hay	TON	----	----	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	77	82
Tobacco	LBS	----	----	428.7	413.0	2,055	2,044	881	844
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	8,556	9,352
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	62.2	64.6	59.1	60.5	304	320	18	19

<sup>1</sup> Acres planted is for all purposes.