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**MINNESOTA CORN FORECAST AT RECORD HIGH**

**CORN** production is forecast at 1.07 billion bushels, up 25.8 million bushels from September 1 and 98.6 million bushels from 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. If realized, this would be a record production set for Minnesota, 17.6 million above the previous record set in 2002. October 1 yield is forecast at 155.0 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from September 1, and 9 bushels from last year. Revised planted acreage is 7.5 million acres and harvested acreage for grain is 6.9 million acres.

**SOYBEAN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 259.2 million bushels, down 3.6 million bushels from the September 1 forecast, but up 20.8 million bushels from the 2003 production. Based on October 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 36.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from September 1, but up 4 bushels from the 2003 yield. Revised planted acreage is 7.3 million acres and harvested acreage is 7.2 million acres.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 9.5 million tons, up 2% from September 1 but down 5% from 2003. Harvested acres are 479,000, unchanged from last month. Yield is estimated at 19.9 tons per acre, up 0.3 tons per acre from September 1, but down 0.7 tons per acre from last year.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 1.3 million hundredweight, down 30% from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,300 pounds per acre, down 400 pounds per acre from last year.

**ALL SUNFLOWER** production is forecast at 75.6 million pounds, down 47% from 2003. Yield is forecast at 1,350 pounds per acre compared to 1,611 pounds per acre in 2003. Planted acres are 60,000 while harvested acres are 56,000.

**U.S. HIGHLIGHTS**

**CORN** production is forecast at 11.6 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last month and 15 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of October 1, the yield is expected to average 158.4 bushels per acre, up 9.0 bushels from September and 16.2 bushels above last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous record for both was set last year when production was estimated at 10.1 billion bushels and yield was 142.2 bushels per acre. Yields are forecast at record high levels in all Corn Belt States, except Minnesota and Wisconsin, as weather conditions have been mostly favorable throughout the growing season.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 3.11 billion bushels, up 10 percent from the September forecast and 27 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be the largest U.S. soybean crop on record. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average a record high 42.0 bushels per acre, up 3.5 bushels from September. Below-normal temperatures and adequate moisture during August and early September across most of the Corn Belt, Great Plains, and Delta were beneficial to the crop during the final stages of development. Above-normal temperatures followed, during the rest of September, just in time for the beginning of the harvest season.

**MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION**

COMMODITY	2003 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2004 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2003 YIELD	2004 YIELD	2003 PRODUCTION (000)	2004 PRODUCTION (000)
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
CORN (Bu)	6,650	6,900	146.0	155.0	970,900	1,069,500
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,450	7,200	32.0	36.0	238,400	259,200
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	487	479	20.6	19.9	10,032	9,532
DRY BEANS 1/	110	100	1,700	1,300	1,870	1,300
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	88	56	1,611	1,350	141,800	75,600
CANOLA (Lb)	56	32	1,820	1,350	101,920	43,200
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,375	1,325	3.00	3.60	4,125	4,770
OTHER HAY (Ton)	700	650	1.60	1.80	1,120	1,170
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
CORN (Bu)	71,139	73,311	142.2	158.4	10,113,887	11,613,226
SOYBEANS (Bu)	72,476	73,990	33.9	42.0	2,453,665	3,106,861
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,348	1,326	22.7	21.7	30,583	28,840
DRY BEANS 1/	1,347	1,250	1,672	1,495	22,515	18,693
SUNFLOWERS (Lb)	2,197	1,780	1,213	1,346	2,665,226	2,395,199
CANOLA (Lb)	1,068	832	1,416	1,517	1,512,250	1,261,820
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	23,578	22,226	3.24	3.48	76,307	77,371
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,764	39,363	2.03	2.25	80,816	88,549

1/ Yield in lb: production in cwt.