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New Jersey's Corn for Grain Production Up 70 Percent from Previous Year

- **Corn for grain** production is set at 6.89 million bushels, up 2.83 million bushels from the drought year of 2002. Production increased 70 percent from last year's crop. Yield increased 55 bushels per harvested acre for the 2003 crop. The state record yield is 134 set in 2000. The 10-year (1993-2002) state average yield is 98 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for grain is set at 61,000 acres, down 9,000 from last year.
- **Corn for silage** production is set at 270 thousand tons, up 50 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre is also 50 percent above 2002. Acres cut for corn silage remains unchanged at 18 thousand acres.
- **Alfalfa Hay** production is set at 105 thousand tons, up 30 thousand tons from 2002. Yield increased by 17 percent to 3.5 tons per acre for 2003. Harvested acreage increased by 5,000 acres to 30,000 acres in 2003.
- **Other Hay** production is set at 162 thousand tons, up 27 thousand tons from 2002. Yield increased by 20 percent to 1.8 tons per acre for 2003. Harvested acreage remains unchanged at 90,000 acres.
- **Soybean** production increased from 2.23 million bushels in 2002 to 2.99 million bushels in 2003, up 34 percent. Yield is set at 34 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels from last year. The state record yield is 40 bushels per acre set in 2000. The 10-year average yield is 30 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for beans is set at 88,000 acres, down 9,000 from last year.

Acres, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, and Soybeans

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Corn for grain	Bu.	70	61	58.0	113.0	4,060.0	6,893.0
Corn for silage	Tons	18	18	10.0	15.0	180.0	270.0
Hay, All	Tons	115	120	1.83	2.23	210.0	267.0
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	25	30	3.0	3.5	75.0	105.0
Other Hay	Tons	90	90	1.5	1.8	135.0	162.0
Soybeans	Bu.	97	88	23.0	34.0	2,231.0	2,992.0
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Corn for grain	Bu.	69,313	71,139	130.0	142.2	9,007.7	10,113.9
Corn for silage	Tons	7,490	6,528	14.0	16.2	105.0	105.9
Hay, All	Tons	64,497	63,342	2.34	2.48	151.0	157.1
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	23,135	23,578	3.19	3.24	73.8	76.3
Other Hay	Tons	41,362	39,764	1.86	2.03	77.1	80.6
Soybeans	Bu.	72,437	72,321	38.0	33.4	2,749.3	2,417.6

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