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***New Jersey's Corn and Soybean Production Forecast Unchanged from Previous Month***

**Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around October 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.**

- **Corn** production is forecast at 5.55 million bushels, unchanged from the September 1, 2002 forecast. The October production forecast is a decrease of 25 percent from last year. Producers expect 74 bushels per harvested acre for the 2002 crop. If this yield per acre forecast holds, it will be the lowest corn yield since 1988, with the exception of the drought year of 1999 when final yield per acre was 37 bushels. The October forecast is a 38 bushel drop from the 2001 final yield. The state record yield is 134 set in 2000. The 10-year (1992-2001) state average yield is 104 bushels per acre. Area intended for harvest as grain is 75,000 acres, up 9,000 from last year.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 25 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September 1, 2002 forecast. Previous year's soybean final yield was 31 bushels per acre. The state record yield is 40 bushels per acre set in 2000. The 10-year average yield is 31 bushels. Production is expected to total 2.20 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2001.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2001	Sept 1 2002 Forecast	Oct 1 2002 Forecast	Final 2001	Sept 1 2002 Forecast	Oct 1 2002 Forecast	Final 2001	Sept 1 2002 Forecast	Oct 1 2002 Forecast
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		<i>- Thousand Acres -</i>			<i>- Units -</i>			<i>- Thousand Units -</i>		
Corn for grain	Bu.	66	75	75	112.0	74.0	74.0	7,392.0	5,550.0	5,550.0
Soybeans	Bu.	101	88	88	31.0	25.0	25.0	3,131.0	2,200.0	2,200.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<i>- Thousand Acres -</i>			<i>- Units -</i>			<i>- Million Units -</i>		
Corn for grain	Bu.	68,808	70,541	70,541	138.2	125.4	127.2	9,506.8	8,848.5	8,969.8
Soybeans	Bu.	72,975	71,799	71,799	39.6	37.0	37.0	2,890.6	2,655.8	2,653.8

Note: the next crop production forecast will be released November 12, 2002.

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