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AUGUST APPLE PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 14 PERCENT FROM 2002

M **Apple** production is forecast at 45 million pounds, an increase of 14 percent from last year. Fruit is sizing and developing well as of August 1, 2003. Some orchards suffered hail damage in late July.

M **Peach** yield is forecast at 75 million pounds, down five million pounds from the July 2003 forecast. The New Jersey peach production for 2002 was 62 million pounds. Growing conditions varied during July. High temperatures during the day and cool temperatures during the nights did not benefit peach sizing. Scattered thunderstorms around the state also caused some fruit damage.

Fruit, Production, August 1

Crop	- Total Production -		
	Final 2002	Forecast July 1, 2003	Forecast August 1, 2003
NEW JERSEY	----- Million Pounds -----		
Apples	35.0	1/	45.0
Peaches	62.0	80.0	75.0
UNITED STATES	----- Thousand Pounds -----		
Apples	8,555.6	1/	9,266.6
Peaches	2,575.4	2,623.1	2,618.1

1/ First apple forecast is August 1.

NEW JERSEY'S CORN CROP UP 75 PERCENT

M **Corn** production is forecast at 7.1 million bushels, an increase of 75 percent from last year. Producers expect 106 bushels per acre for the 2003 crop. The state record yield is 134 set in 2000. Area intended for harvest as grain is 67,000 acres, down 3,000 from last year. The 10-year (1993-2002) state average yield is 98 bushels per acre.

M **Soybean** yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels, from previous year. The state record yield is 40 set in 2000. Production is expected to total 3.23 million bushels, up 45 percent from 2002. The 10-year average yield is 30 bushels.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Field Crops, August 1

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2002	Forecast 2003	2002	Forecast 2003	2002	Forecast 2003	2002	Forecast 2003
NEW JERSEY	----- Thousand -----				- Bushels -		- Thousand Bushels -	
Corn for grain	90	80	70	67	58.0	106.0	4,060	7,102
Soybeans	100	100	97	98	23.0	33.0	2,231	3,234
UNITED STATES	----- Thousand -----				- Bushels -		- Million Bushels -	
Corn for grain	79,054	79,066	69,313	71,915	130.0	139.9	9,007.7	10,064.5
Soybeans	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,626	37.8	39.4	2,749.3	2,862.0

Notes: Forecasts in this report are based on conditions around August 1, 2003 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time. The next crop production forecast will be released September 11, 2003.

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