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New Jersey's Soybean Production down 18 Percent from the September 1, 2003 Forecast

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 7.37 million bushels, unchanged from the September 1, 2003, forecast, but an increase of 82 percent from last year. Expected yield per harvested acre is 110 bushels per acre, up 52 bushels from previous year. The state record yield is 134 bushels per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year (1993-2002) state average yield is 98 bushels per acre. Area intended for harvest as grain is 67,000 acres, down 3,000 from last year.

- ! **Soybean** production is set at 2.64 million bushels, down 18 percent from the September 1, 2003, forecast. New Jersey soybean production in 2002 was 2.23 million bushels. The October 1, 2003, soybean yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre, down three bushels from the previous month's forecast. The state record yield is 40 bushels per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year average (1993-2002) is 30 bushels per acre. Harvested acreage is revised to 88,000, down 10,000 from the previous month's forecast. Area harvested in 2002 was 97,000 acres.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn and Soybeans

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Final 2002	Sept 1 2003 Forecast	Oct 1 2003 Forecast	Final 2002	Sept 1 2003 Forecast	Oct 1 2003 Forecast	Final 2002	Sept 1 2003 Forecast	Oct 1 2003 Forecast
NEW JERSEY	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Thousand Bushels -		
Corn for grain	70	67	67	58.0	110.0	110.0	4,060.0	7,370.0	7,370.0
Soybeans	97	98	88	23.0	33.0	30.0	2,231.0	3,234.0	2,640.0
UNITED STATES	- Thousand Acres -			- Bushels -			- Million Bushels -		
Corn for grain	69,313	71,815	71,765	130.0	138.5	142.2	9,007.7	9,944.4	10,207.1
Soybeans	72,437	72,626	72,538	38.0	36.4	34.0	2,749.3	2,642.6	2,468.4

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released November 12, 2003.

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