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***New Jersey's Corn Production Down 20 Percent from the August 1, 2002 Forecast***

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

**Corn** production is forecast at 5.55 million bushels, a decrease of 25 percent from last year. Producers expect 74 bushels per acre for the 2002 crop. This is a 38 bushel drop from the 2001 average yield, and an 18 bushel slide from the August 1, 2002 forecast. The state record yield is 134 set in 2000. The 10-year (1992-2001) state average yield is 104 bushels per acre. This yield forecast is the lowest since 1988, with the exception of the drought year 1999 when yield per acre was 37 bushels. The dry, hot conditions during the summer months have taken a toll on forecasted production. 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, down six bushels from the previous year. This yield is also a five bushel drop from the August 1, 2002 forecast. 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.

**Summer potato** yield is forecasted at 230 hundredweight (cwt) per acre, down 25 cwt from last year. Production is set at 575 thousand cwt.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2001	Aug 1 2002 Forecast	Sept 1 2002 Forecast	Final 2001	Aug 1 2002 Forecast	Sept 1 2002 Forecast	Final 2001	Aug 1 2002 Forecast	Sept 1 2002 Forecast
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	66.0	75.0	75.0	112.0	92.0	74.0	7,392.0	6,900.0	5,550.0
Soybeans	Bu.	101.0	88.0	88.0	31.0	30.0	25.0	3,131.0	2,640.0	2,200.0
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.5	--	2.5	255.0	--	230.0	638.0	--	575.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	68,808.0	71,001.0	70,541.0	138.2	125.2	125.4	9,506.8	8,886.0	8,848.5
Soybeans	Bu.	73,000.0	72,029.0	71,799.0	39.6	36.5	37.0	2,890.6	2,628.4	2,655.8
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	58.8	--	60.6	310.0	--	310.0	18.2	--	18.8

Note: the next crop production forecast will be released October 11, 2002.

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