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***New Jersey's Corn Production Up Four Percent from the August 1, 2003 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 7.37 million bushels, an increase of 82 percent from last year. Producers expect 110 bushels per acre for the 2003 crop. This is 52 bushels above the 2002 average yield, and 4 bushels higher than the August 1, 2003 forecast. 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** yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from the previous year. This yield is unchanged from the August 1, 2003 forecast. The state record yield is 40 bushels per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year average yield is 30 bushels per acre. Production is expected to total 3.23 million bushels, up 45 percent from 2002.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 235 hundredweight per acre, down 40 hundredweight from last year. The state record yield is 285 hundredweight per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year average is 252 hundredweight. Production is set at 611 thousand hundredweight, which is 104 thousand hundredweight less than last year.

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

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2002	Aug 1 2003 Forecast	Sept 1 2003 Forecast	Final 2002	Aug 1 2003 Forecast	Sept 1 2003 Forecast	Final 2002	Aug 1 2003 Forecast	Sept 1 2003 Forecast
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>		<b>- Thousand Acres -</b>			<b>- Units -</b>			<b>- Thousand Units -</b>		
Corn for grain	Bu.	70	67	67	58.0	106.0	110.0	4,060	7,102	7,370
Soybeans	Bu.	97	98	98	23.0	33.0	33.0	2,231	3,234	3,234
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.6	1/	2.6	275.0	1/	235.0	715	1/	611
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		<b>- Thousand Acres -</b>			<b>- Units -</b>			<b>- Thousand Units -</b>		
Corn for grain	Bu.	69,313	71,915	71,815	130.0	139.9	138.5	9,007,659	10,064,452	9,944,418
Soybeans	Bu.	72,160	72,626	72,626	37.8	39.4	36.4	2,729,709	2,862,039	2,642,644
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	59.1	1/	60.5	304.0	1/	320.0	17,985	1/	19,360

1/ First summer potato forecast is September 1.

**Note:** The next crop production forecast will be released October 10, 2003.

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