



NEWS RELEASE

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC 20250
Ag Statistics Hotline: (800) 727-9540 • www.nass.usda.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: NASS_Media@usda.gov

USDA forecasts US corn production up, soybean and cotton production down from 2022

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 2023 – Corn production is up, while soybean and cotton production is down from 2022, according to the Crop Production report issued today by USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Corn production is up 10% from last year, forecast at 15.1 billion bushels; soybean growers are expected to decrease their production 3% from 2022, forecast at 4.15 billion bushels; cotton production is down 9% from 2022 at 13.1 million 480-pound bales.

As is done every year in September, planted and harvested acreage estimates for corn, cotton, and soybeans were reviewed based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency. As a result, area planted to corn is estimated at 94.9 million acres, up 1% from the previous estimate; area planted to soybeans is estimated at 83.6 million acres, up slightly from the previous estimate; and area planted to cotton is estimated at 10.2 million acres, down 8% from the previous estimate.

The average U.S. corn yield is forecast at 173.8 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from last month’s forecast but up 0.5 bushel from last year. NASS forecasts record high yields in Ohio and South Carolina. Acres planted to corn, at 94.9 million, are up 7% from 2022. Area to be harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, up 1% from last month and 10% more than was harvested last year. As of Sept. 3, 53% of this year’s corn crop was reported in good or excellent condition, one percentage point below the same time last year.

Area for soybean harvest is forecast at 82.8 million acres, up slightly from last month but 4% less than was harvested last year. Planted area for the nation, estimated at 83.6 million acres, is down 4% from last year. Soybean yields are expected to average 50.1 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month’s forecast but up 0.6 bushel from 2022. If realized, the forecasted yields in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, and Tennessee will be record high.

NASS forecasts all cotton area to be harvested at 8.02 million acres, 7% below last month’s forecast, but 10% more acres than were harvested last season. Yield is expected to average 786 pounds per harvested acre, up 7 pounds from last month’s forecast, but down 164 pounds from 2022. Area planted to all cotton is estimated at 10.2 million acres, down 26% from last year.

NASS surveyed more than 7,000 producers across the country and conducted objective yield surveys for corn, cotton, and soybeans in preparation for this report.

Have a question about the Crop Production report? Join @usda_nass on [X](#) today at 1 p.m. EDT. Use #StatChat to discuss the report live with NASS Crops Branch Chief Lance Honig. The Crop Production report is published monthly and is available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

###

NASS is the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture and is committed to providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.