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Record Kansas Corn and Soybean Crops Forecast Best Soybean and Sorghum Yields in Kansas History

Corn: Kansas corn production is expected to total 561.2 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 15 percent more than last year's crop. If realized, this would be the largest corn crop in Kansas history, exceeding the previous record set in 2007 by 53.3 million bushels. Corn yields are expected to average 145 bushels per acre, unchanged from October 1 but 11 bushels above the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain, at 3.87 million acres, is up 7 percent from 2008.

Soybeans: Soybean production in Kansas is forecast at a record high 157.0 million bushels, up 8 percent from October 1 and 31 percent higher than last year's crop. Yields are expected to average a record high 43 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from October 1, up 6 bushels from 2008 and 2 bushels higher than the previous record of 41 bushels per acre set in 2004. Acreage for harvest is expected to total a record high 3.65 million acres, the same as October 1 but 12 percent higher than last year.

Sorghum: Grain sorghum production is forecast at 207.5 million bushels, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 83 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 5 bushels from last year's yield. If realized, this would be a new record high yield for the state of Kansas. Acreage to be harvested for grain is 2.5 million acres, unchanged from October 1 but down 250,000 acres from 2008.

Cotton: Kansas cotton production is forecast at 41,000 bales, down 15 percent from the October 1 forecast but up 21 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 615 pounds per acre, down from 720 last month and 653 pounds in 2008. Harvested acreage, at 32,000 acres, is up 7,000 acres from last year.

Kansas and U.S. Crop Production, 2008 and Forecasted November 1, 2009

Crop & Unit	Planted ¹		Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
KANSAS	-----1,000 Acres-----				----Per Unit----		-----1,000-----	
Corn for Grain, bu.	3,850	4,100	3,630	3,870	134	145	486,420	561,150
Sorghum for Grain, bu.	2,900	2,700	2,750	2,500	78	83	214,500	207,500
Soybeans, bu.	3,300	3,700	3,250	3,650	37	43	120,250	156,950
All Cotton ²	35	36	25	32	653	615	34	41
UNITED STATES								
Corn for Grain, bu.	85,982	86,351	78,640	79,294	153.9	162.9	12,101,238	12,920,928
Sorghum for Grain, bu.	8,284	6,623	7,271	5,681	65.0	64.0	472,342	363,810
Soybeans, bu.	75,718	77,510	74,681	76,619	39.7	43.3	2,967,007	3,319,270
All Cotton ²	9,471.0	9,138.7	7,568.7	7,732.2	813	776	12,815.3	12,496.0

¹ Planted for all purposes ² Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480 lb bales.

U.S. Crop Production Forecast

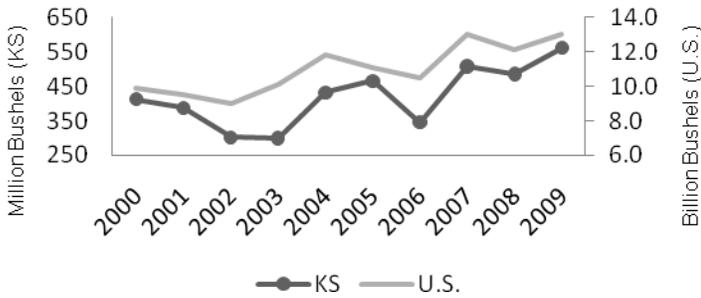
Corn production is forecast at 12.9 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 7 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 162.9 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from October but 9.0 bushels above last year. Despite the drop in yield from October, this yield will be the highest on record if realized. Total production will be second highest on record, only behind 2007. Within the Corn Belt, forecasted yields in Minnesota and Wisconsin increased, while Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan yields decreased.

Sorghum production is forecast at 364 million bushels, up slightly from the October 1 forecast but down 23 percent from 2008. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 5.68 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 22 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from October but down 1.0 bushel from last year. The yield forecasts for Kansas and Texas, the two largest sorghum-producing States, are unchanged from October at 83.0 and 44.0 bushels per acre, respectively. Producers in Oklahoma are expecting a 5.0 bushel increase from last month, while Nebraska producers expect a 6.0 bushel decline from the October 1 forecast.

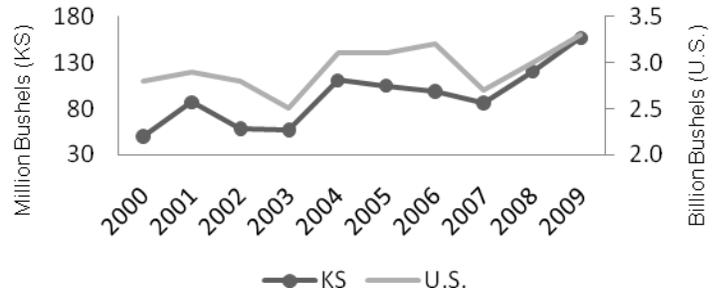
Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.32 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 12 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.3 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 3.6 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the highest U.S. yield on record. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged in all States except Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Mississippi, and Texas. Increases of 3 bushels are expected in Delaware, Indiana, Kansas, and Maryland. The largest decrease in yield from the October forecast is expected in Mississippi where excessive rain during October hindered yield expectations. If realized, the forecasted yield in Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio, and Pennsylvania will be a record high and the forecasted yield in Georgia, Maryland, and North Carolina will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.6 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from 2008.

All Cotton production is forecast at 12.5 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Forecasted yield in the Delta region decreased due to continual wet weather. Texas producers expect lower yields due to the effects of the cool, wet weather on the late planted crop. Upland growers in Georgia, North Carolina, and Oklahoma are expecting record high yields. The American-Pima production forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from the August 2009 forecast.

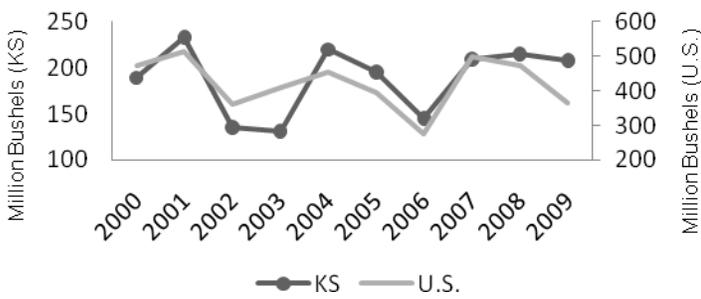
Corn Production, KS and U.S., 2000-2009¹



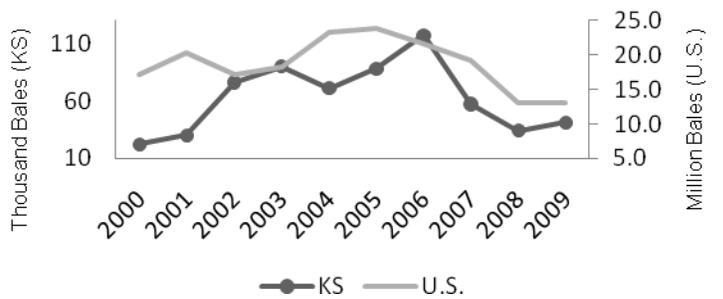
Soybean Production, KS and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Sorghum Production, KS and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Cotton Production, KS and U.S., 2000-2009¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2009 as of November 1, 2009.

Kansas Crop Production, 2008 and Forecasted November 1, 2009, By District

Crop and District	Acres Planted, All Purposes		Acres Harvested for Grain			Yield per Acre		Production		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	% of Prev Yr	2008	2009	2008	2009	% of Prev Yr
-----1,000 Acres-----										
CORN										
Northwest	676	710	650	685	105	109	133	71,020	91,000	128
West Central	360	350	312	305	98	98	124	30,540	37,750	124
Southwest	838	830	778	775	100	179	186	139,370	144,500	104
North Central	234	310	223	295	132	138	138	30,680	40,700	133
Central	141	180	127	165	130	132	136	16,720	22,400	134
South Central	428	440	411	420	102	142	155	58,300	64,900	111
Northeast	526	600	510	580	114	143	149	73,130	86,300	118
East Central	296	320	281	300	107	122	124	34,160	37,100	109
Southeast	351	360	338	345	102	96	106	32,500	36,500	112
State	3,850	4,100	3,630	3,870	107	134	145	486,420	561,150	115
SOYBEANS										
Southwest	88	75	86	74	86	44.0	59.0	3,768	4,400	117
North Central	461	550	455	545	120	45.5	45.0	20,669	24,500	119
Central	335	405	333	400	120	39.0	43.0	12,996	17,000	131
South Central	384	460	378	450	119	38.0	43.0	14,295	19,500	136
Northeast	672	660	666	655	98	38.5	51.0	25,789	33,500	130
East Central	641	710	635	700	110	32.0	39.0	20,462	27,500	134
Southeast	627	750	610	740	121	31.0	36.0	18,813	26,500	141
Other Districts	92	90	87	86	99	39.5	47.0	3,458	4,050	117
State	3,300	3,700	3,250	3,650	112	37.0	43.0	120,250	156,950	131

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