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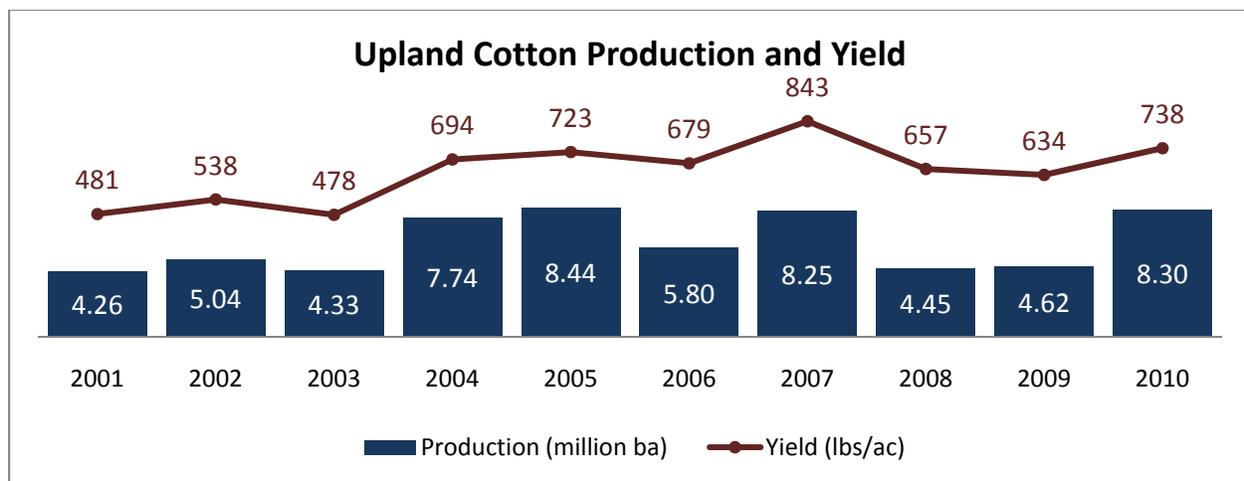
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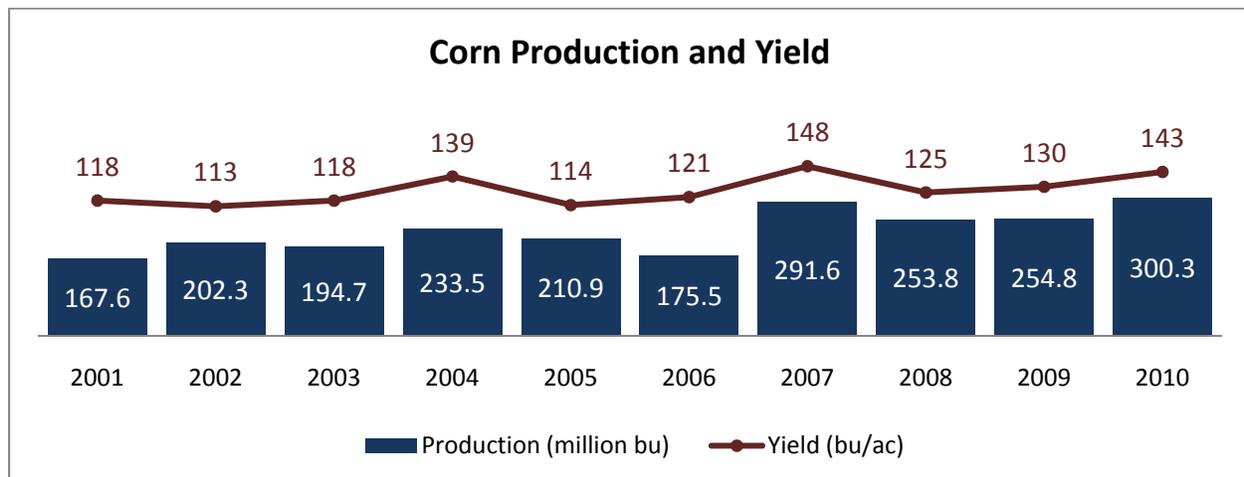
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Texas Upland Cotton Production Estimated at 8.3 Million Bales

The 2010 Texas **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 8.3 million bales, 7 percent less than last month and 80 percent more than in 2009. Yield is expected to average 738 pounds per acre, a reduction of 53 pounds from last month, but 104 pounds more than last year. Acreage expected for harvest is estimated at 5.4 million acres, up 54 percent from 2009.

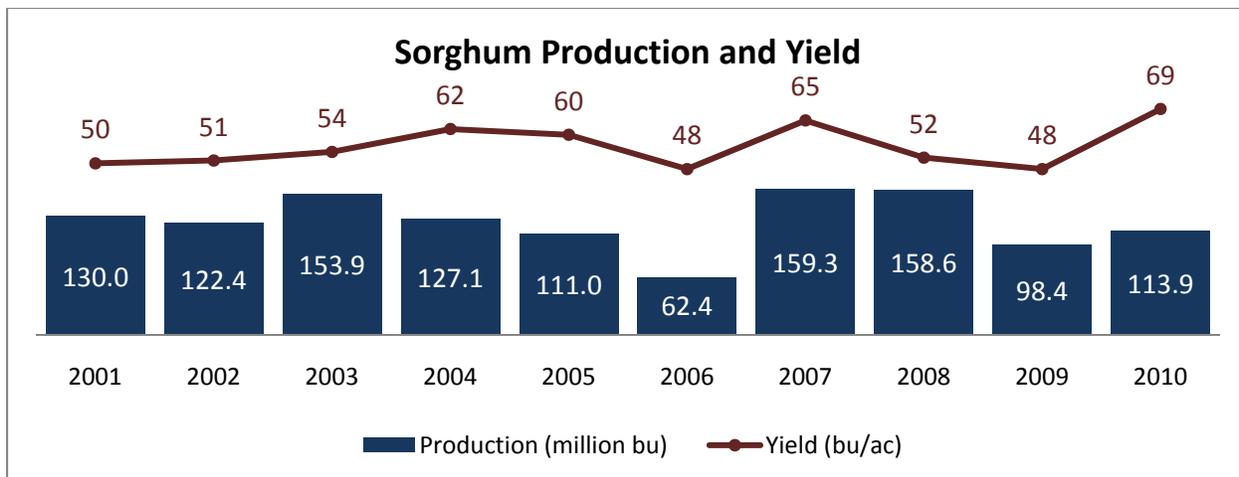


Corn production is forecast at 300.3 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 18 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, statewide yield are expected to average 143 bushels per acre, up 13 bushels from 2009. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 2.1 million, are up 7 percent from last year.

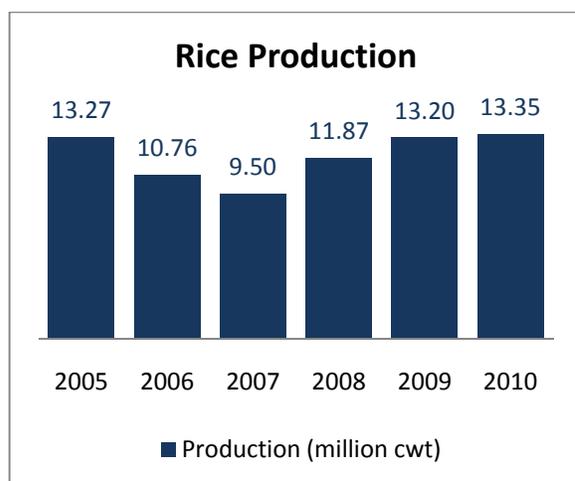
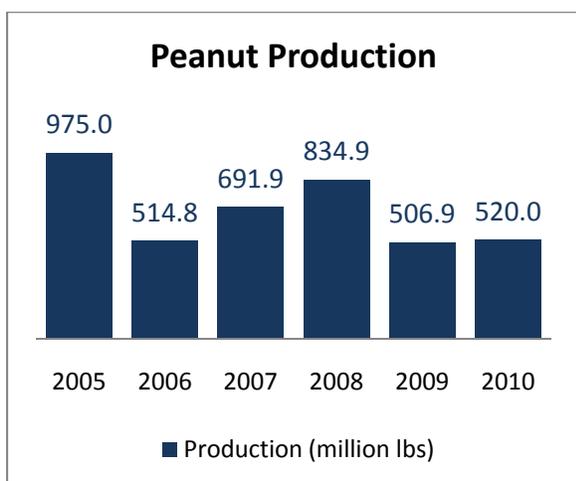


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Sorghum production is forecast at 113.9 million bushels, unchanged from last month and 16 percent more than last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 1.65 million acres, down 20 percent from last year. Yield, at 69 bushels per acre, is up 21 bushels from last year.

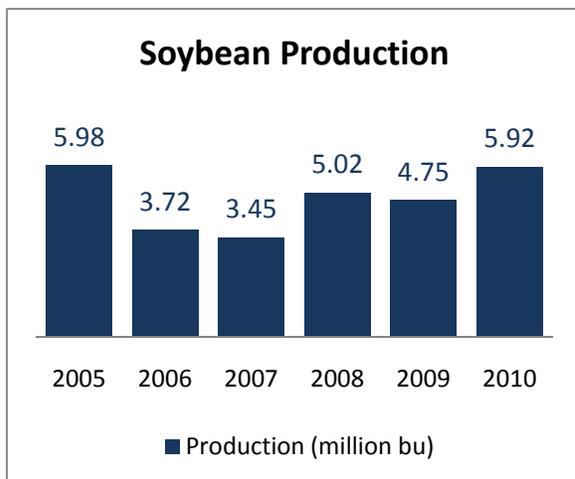


Texas **peanut** production is up 3 percent from last year, at 520 million pounds, but down 3 percent from last month. Statewide yield, at 3,250 pounds per acre, is down 100 pounds from last month and down 20 pounds last year. Harvested acreage is up 3 percent from last year to 160,000 acres.



Rice producers expect to harvest 13.35 million cwt, up 1 percent from 2009. Yield is forecast at 7,100 pounds per acre, 670 pounds less than last year.

The 2010 Texas **soybean** crop is forecast at 5.92 million bushels, up 25 percent from last year's production. Harvested acreage, at 185,000, is down 3 percent from last year, and yield is expected to average 32 bushels per acre, compared with 25 bushels last year.



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U.S. Highlights: United States **corn** production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record of 13.1 billion bushels. A yield of 154.3 bushels per acre is forecast, down 10.4 bushels from last year's record. The **sorghum** crop is down 12 percent from last year at 337.6 million bushels. The U.S. **Upland cotton** crop is expected to total 17.9 million bales, up 52 percent from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.38 billion bushels, up slightly from last year. The U.S. **peanut** crop is estimated at 4.0 billion pounds, up 7 percent from a year ago. U.S. **rice** production is forecast at 241.6 million cwt, up 10 percent from 2009.

Objective yield and farm operator surveys were conducted between October 25 and November 4 to gather information on expected yields as of November 1. Objective yield surveys for cotton were conducted in Texas. Farm operators were interviewed to update previously reported acreage data and seek permission to randomly locate two sample plots in selected fields for the objective yield survey. The counts made within each sample plot depend on the crop and the maturity of that crop. In all cases, the number of plants is recorded along with other measurements that provide information to forecast the number of bolls or heads and their weight. The counts are used with similar data from previous years to develop a projected biological yield. The average harvesting loss is subtracted to obtain a net yield. The plots are revisited each month until crop maturity when the fruit are harvested and weighed. After the farm operator has harvested the sample field, another plot is sampled to obtain current year harvesting loss.

The farm operator survey was conducted primarily by telephone with some use of mail, internet, and personal interviews. Approximately 1,000 producers were interviewed during the survey period and asked questions about probable yield. These growers will continue to be surveyed throughout the growing season to provide indications of average yields.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProd//2010s/2010/CropProd-11-09-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov

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Texas District Estimates 2009 and 2010¹

Corn	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	
1 - N	922.0	940.0	851.0	815.0	211.0	211.0	179,539	172,000
1 - S	103.0	90.0	79.7	70.0	189.6	200.0	15,109	14,000
4	630.6	600.0	530.3	580.0	53.2	81.0	28,208	47,000
8 - N	197.0	200.0	125.3	190.0	52.2	109.5	6,541	20,800
9	252.5	260.0	234.0	250.0	55.6	108.0	13,001	27,000
10-S	69.8	50.0	46.5	50.0	95.3	80.0	4,432	4,000
Other Districts	175.1	160.0	93.2	145.0	85.5	106.9	7,971	15,500
State	2,350.0	2,300.0	1,960.0	2,100.0	130.0	143.0	254,800	300,300

Upland Cotton	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>pounds</u>		<u>1,000 bales</u>	
1 - N	600.0	810.0	501.0	760.0	880.0	1,036.0	918.0	1,640.0
1 - S	2,667.0	2,950.0	1,929.0	2,840.0	642.0	693.0	2,579.0	4,100.0
2 - N	340.5	375.0	286.0	370.0	594.0	610.0	354.0	470.0
2 - S	509.0	515.0	407.0	510.0	369.0	499.0	313.0	530.0
4	62.5	110.0	56.7	105.0	477.0	777.0	56.3	170.0
7	176.0	200.0	136.2	195.0	579.0	640.0	164.2	260.0
8 - N	51.5	55.0	24.2	53.0	712.0	1,087.0	35.9	120.0
8 - S	338.0	280.0	16.7	275.0	356.0	890.0	12.4	510.0
9	90.5	136.0	77.4	130.0	526.0	775.0	84.8	210.0
10 - S	74.7	95.0	23.2	90.0	602.0	747.0	29.1	140.0
Other Districts	90.3	74.0	42.6	72.0	826.0	1,000.0	73.3	150.0
State	5,000.0	5,600.0	3,500.0	5,400.0	634.0	738.0	4,620.0	8,300.0

Sorghum	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
<i>District</i>	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	
1 - N	495.0	390.0	395.8	335.0	66.6	74.9	26,369	25,100
1 - S	580.0	100.0	510.1	85.0	33.7	62.4	17,205	5,300
2-S	65.0	50.0	27.0	40.0	24.9	37.5	672	1,500
4	205.6	200.0	179.3	185.0	50.4	68.1	9,034	12,600
8 - N	121.0	85.0	75.1	75.0	37.9	74.7	2,849	5,600
8 - S	340.0	370.0	128.1	345.0	37.0	86.7	4,744	29,900
9	230.0	155.0	215.0	110.0	71.0	71.8	15,275	7,900
10 - N	51.0	65.0	20.1	60.0	35.7	75.0	718	4,500
10 - S	436.0	385.0	387.5	335.0	47.4	54.0	18,361	18,100
Other Districts	176.4	100.0	112.0	80.0	28.3	41.9	3,173	3,350
State	2,700.0	1,900.0	2,050.0	1,650.0	48.0	69.0	98,400	113,850

¹ Preliminary, November 2010.