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Crop Production



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FLORIDA

PEANUTS: Production is estimated at 196.0 million pounds, up 2 percent from last month but down 25 percent from last year. The estimated yield for 2000 is 2,450 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the previous month but down 320 pounds from 1999. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year. Harvest was active during October with 94 percent of the peanuts harvested by November 1 compared to 99 percent last year.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Growers expect to harvest 15,975,000 tons for the 2000-01 crop, unchanged from the October forecast, and down one percent or 125,000 tons from the 16,100,000 tons harvested for the 1999-00 crop. Producers will harvest 454,000 acres for sugar and seed, down 6,000 acres from the

460,000 acres harvested last season. Yield is set at 35.2 tons per acre compared with 35.0 tons per acre for the 1999-00 crop. Harvesting started during the last two weeks of October. Dry, cool weather is providing nearly ideal conditions for steady harvesting.

TOBACCO: Growers estimate tobacco production at 12.0 million pounds, the same as last month but down 22 percent from last year. The yield is estimated at 2,450 pounds, the same as the previous month, but down 190 pounds from a year earlier. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 4,900 acres, down 900 acres from 1999. The tobacco markets were active during first half of October. The Florida markets all closed by October 13.

UNITED STATES

CORN FOR GRAIN: Production is forecast at 10.1 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month, but up 7 percent from 1999. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 137.7 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last month but up 2.9 bushels from a year ago. If realized, this would be the largest production and second largest yield on record. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 73.0 million acres, unchanged from last month.

COTTON: All cotton production is forecast at 17.5 million 480-pound bales, up marginally from last month, and up three percent from 1999. Yield is expected to average 622 pounds per harvested acre, up two pounds from last month. On October 29, U.S. harvest was 67 percent complete, compared to the 5-year average of 59 percent. Upland cotton harvested acreage, at 13.3 million acres, is down slightly from the October forecast, but two percent above 1999. In the Carolinas and Virginia, October harvesting lagged behind the five-year average. Progress was near normal in Georgia, and slightly ahead of the 5-year average in Alabama. As of October 29, North Carolina reported 43 percent of its cotton acreage harvested. This compared to 46 percent for the 5-year average. South Carolina reported 55 percent of its cotton acreage harvested, one point ahead of the 5-year average. Alabama reported 80 percent of its acreage harvested as of October 29, while Georgia reported 59 percent harvested.

PEANUTS: Production is forecast at 3.51 billion pounds, up 1 percent from October 1, but 8 percent below last year's crop. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.40 million acres, unchanged from the October report, but 3 percent below 1999. Yield is forecast at 2,517 pounds, up 31 pounds from last month, but down 150 pounds from last year. Production in the Southeast States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) is expected to total 1.91 billion pounds, up 5 percent from last month, but down 10 percent from last year's level. Yields in the four-State area are expected to average 2,411 pounds per acre, up 120 pounds from October 1, but down 86 pounds from 1999. Harvest was behind the five year average in Alabama and Georgia while harvest in South Carolina was ahead of the average.

POTATOES: Production of fall potatoes for 2000 is forecast at a record high 463 million cwt, up 7 percent from comparable estimates last year and 2 percent above the previous record in 1996. Area harvested, at 1.19 million acres, is up a comparable 2 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 388 cwt per acre, a jump of 19 cwt from last year. Record large crops were produced in Idaho, Montana, and Washington. Yields were record high in 13 States.

Eastern areas were slow to plant because of a wet, cool spring. Generally the growing season went well and harvest finished on a timely manner.

SORGHUM FOR GRAIN: Production is forecast at 463 million bushels, down less than 1 percent from the October forecast and 22 percent below the 1999 total. Area harvested and to be harvested was unchanged from October at 7.67 million acres, but down 10 percent from the previous year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 60.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month and 9.3 bushels below 1999.

SOYBEANS: Production is forecast at record high 2.78 billion bushels, down 2 percent from October 1, but 5 percent above 1999. The yield forecast, at 38.0 bushels per acre, decreased 0.7 bushel from last month, but is 1.4 bushels above the 1999 final yield. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record 73.0 million acres, unchanged from October 1, but up 1 percent from 1999.

SUGARCANE: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 35.6 million tons, 1 percent above the previous record of 35.3 million tons set last year and unchanged from the October forecast. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 1.03 million acres for sugar and seed during the 2000 crop year, 3 percent more than last year's final harvested acres. Yield is forecast at 34.7 tons per acre, 0.8 ton below 1999. Harvest began near mid-month and progressed on schedule in Florida and Louisiana due to nearly ideal harvest weather.

TOBACCO: U.S. all tobacco production for 2000 is forecast at 1.13 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the October 1 forecast but down 13 percent from 1999. If realized, this will be the smallest crop since 1934. Area for harvest in 2000 is forecast at 492,260 acres, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but down 24 percent from 1999. Yield for 2000 is expected to average 2,289 pounds per acre, 5 pounds higher than the October 1 forecast and 292 pounds above a year ago. Tobacco harvest was completed by mid-October, at or ahead of normal. Flue-cured (types 11 - 14) production is expected to total 625 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from last month but down 5 percent from 1999. Acres harvested for flue-cured in 2000 is forecast at 253,900 acres, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but 16 percent below last year. Flue-cured yield is expected to average 2,462 pounds per acre, 5 pounds higher than last month and 300 pounds above the previous year.

Crop production: Acreage for harvest and forecasts of yield and production for Florida
and United States as of November 1, 2000 with comparisons

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	1999	For harvest 2000	1999	Indicated 2000		1999	Indicated 2000
	Thousands		Units			Thousands	
FLORIDA							
Cotton ^{2/}	106	92	516	420	^{1/}	114.0	80.5
Peanuts	94	80	2,770	2,450	Lbs.	260,380	196,000
Pecans, all ^{2/}					Lbs.	3,700	2,500
Potatoes:							
Winter ^{2/}	9.3	8.0	200	260	Cwt	1,860	2,080
Spring ^{2/}	28	24	315	291	Cwt	8,820	6,990
Sugarcane	460	454	35.0	35.2	Ton	16,100	15,975
Tobacco, Type 14	5.8	4.9	2,640	2,450	Lbs.	15,312	12,005
UNITED STATES							
Corn for grain	70,537	73,009	133.8	137.7	Bu.	9,437,337	10,053,942
Cotton, all ^{4/}	13,424.9	13,519.0	607	622	^{1/}	16,968.0	17,509.8
Hay, All	63,160	61,591	2.52	2.48	Ton	159,077	152,651
Peanuts for nuts	1,436.0	1,395.5	2,667	2,517	Lbs.	3,829,490	3,512,800
Pecans, all ^{2/}					Lbs	406,100	216,100
Potatoes:							
Winter	17.8	17.0	229	292	Cwt	4,070	4,960
Spring ^{2/}	84.5	80.1	300	281	Cwt	25,327	22,486
Summer ^{2/}	64.0	62.3	296	297	Cwt	18,972	18,504
Fall	1,166.1	1,194.4	369	388	Cwt	429,847	463,408
Rice	3,512	3,085	5,866	6,236	^{3/}	206,027	192,386
Sorghum for grain	8,544	7,665	69.7	60.4	Bu.	595,166	463,251
Soybeans for beans	72,446	73,024	36.6	38.0	Bu.	2,653,758	2,777,036
Sugarbeets	1,527.3	1,397.7	21.9	23.6	Ton	33,420	32,951
Sugarcane for sugar and seed	993.3	1,026.0	35.5	34.7	Ton	35,299	35,640
Tobacco, All	647.2	492.3	1,997	2,289	Lbs.	1,292,692	1,126,698
Tobacco, Type 14	38.8	34.9	2,045	2,330	Lbs.	79,332	81,305
Wheat, all	53,823	53,028	42.7	41.9	Bu.	2,299,010	2,223,440
Winter	35,486	35,022	47.8	44.6	Bu.	1,696,580	1,562,733
Durum	3,569	3,572	27.8	30.7	Bu.	99,322	109,805
Other spring	14,768	14,434	34.1	38.2	Bu.	503,108	550,902

^{1/} Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. ^{2/} Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

^{3/} Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. ^{4/} Includes both upland and Amer-Pima cotton.