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# FIELD CROPS

## CROP PRODUCTION

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### FLORIDA

**WEATHER:** August began with widespread rainfall covering most areas of the Sunshine State. Soil moisture was adequate to surplus in most areas. Peanut pegging was still lagging below average, but warm temperatures and almost daily precipitation pushed the crop along. The majority of the crop was rated as good to excellent. Corn for grain harvest was beginning as silage cutting was winding down. Hay baling was delayed in many areas by the constant showers and wet conditions. Evening showers continued mid-month benefitting row crops. Peanut pegging approached 100 percent. Hay was baled in fields when possible between showers. Armyworm infestations continued to be problematic in hay fields and pastures in portions of the State. Cotton, soybeans, and sugarcane progressed under favorable growing conditions. The remnants of a tropical storm the final week of the month brought heavy rainfall to the Panhandle. Some locations reported rainfall amounts in excess of nine inches. Elsewhere across the State tropical conditions persisted. One to three inches of precipitation were common as daily evening showers, thunderstorms, and high humidity refused to yield. Peanut harvest was underway in early-planted fields. White mold and leaf spot were reported in some areas. Hay was past mature in some uncut fields as the quality declined.

**COTTON:** As of September 1, growers expect to harvest 81 thousand acres. Yield is forecast at 830 pounds per acre and production is expected to total 140 thousand bales, up 13 percent from 2008.

**PEANUTS:** Harvested acreage is forecast at 105,000 acres. Yield is expected to be 3,100 pounds per acre and production is set at 326 million pounds, down 27 percent from 2008.

**SUGARCANE:** September 1 production for both sugar and seed is set at 14.3 million tons, 8 percent above 2008. Average yield is 36.7 tons per acre. Harvested acres are forecast to be 390,000.

### UNITED STATES

**COTTON:** All cotton production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 5 percent from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Producers in the Southeast and Delta regions are expecting increased yields from last month.

**PEANUTS:** Production is forecast at 3.68 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the August forecast but down 29 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.08 million acres, up 1 percent from August but down 28 percent from 2008. Yields are expected to average 3,397 pounds per acre, up 96 pounds from August but down 19 pounds from the 2008 record yield.

**SUGARCANE:** Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 28.0 million tons, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 1 percent from 2008. Producers intend to harvest 852,700 acres for sugar and seed during the 2009 crop season, down 10,000 acres from last month and 15,300 acres below last year. Expected yield is forecast at 32.8 tons per acre, down 0.9 ton from the previous forecast but up 1.0 ton from 2008.

**CORN:** Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 7 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August and 8.0 bushels above last year. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 80.0 million acres, unchanged from August but up 2 percent from last year. As of August 30, sixty-nine percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition in the 18 major corn-producing States, up 1 percentage point from last month and 8 points above last year.

**SOYBEANS:** Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. Area for harvest is forecast at 76.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 3 percent from 2008.

**CROP PRODUCTION: Acreage for harvest and forecasts of yield and production for Florida and United States as of September 1, 2009 with comparisons**

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2008	For harvest 2009	2008	Indicated 2009		2008	Indicated 2009
	<i>Thousands</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
<b>FLORIDA</b>							
Cotton	65	81	916	830	<sup>1/</sup>	124	140
Peanuts	140	105	3,200	3,100	Lbs.	448,000	325,500
Potatoes:							
Winter	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	Cwt	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>
Spring	27.9	28.6	285	274	Cwt	7,952	7,846
Sugarcane	401	390	33.1	36.7	Ton	13,255	14,313
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
Corn for grain	78,640	80,007	153.9	161.9	Bu.	12,101,238	12,954,500
Cotton, All <sup>3/</sup>	7,568.7	7,728.2	813	835	<sup>1/</sup>	12,815.3	13,438.0
Hay, Alfalfa <sup>4/</sup>	20,980	20,982	3.32	3.48	Ton	69,620	72,986
Hay, All Other <sup>4/</sup>	39,082	39,195	1.95	2.01	Ton	76,052	78,955
Peanuts for nuts	1,507	1,082	3,416	3,397	Lbs.	5,147,900	3,675,500
Potatoes:							
Winter <sup>4/</sup>	11	9	230	240	Cwt	2,530	2,160
Spring <sup>4/</sup>	68.8	73.4	293	291	Cwt	20,132	21,325
Summer <sup>4/</sup>	45.1	42.5	306	346	Cwt	13,805	14,705
Fall	922.0	922.7	411	<sup>5/</sup>	Cwt	378,588	<sup>5/</sup>
Rice	2,976	3,101	6,486	7,051	<sup>6/</sup>	203,733	218,647
Sorghum for grain	7,271	5,948	65.0	65.5	Bu.	472,342	389,589
Soybeans for beans	74,641	76,767	39.6	42.3	Bu.	2,959,174	3,245,292
Sugarbeets	1,004.6	1,158.5	26.7	27.0	Ton	26,837	31,327
Sugarcane for							
sugar and seed	868.0	852.7	31.8	32.8	Ton	27,603	28,006
Tobacco, All	354.5	347.2	2,258	2,319	Lbs.	800,504	804,988
Wheat, All	55,685	50,445	44.9	43.3	Bu.	2,499,524	2,183,594
Winter	39,614	34,787	47.2	44.2	Bu.	1,867,903	1,537,348
Durum	2,584	2,453	32.8	39.9	Bu.	84,877	97,986
Other spring	13,487	13,205	40.5	41.5	Bu.	546,744	548,260

<sup>1/</sup>Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

<sup>2/</sup>Winter potatoes combined with spring.

<sup>3/</sup>Includes both upland and Amer-Pima cotton.

<sup>4/</sup>Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

<sup>5/</sup>First forecast in November.

<sup>6/</sup>Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.