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Weather: September consisted of scattered and varied amounts of rain. Cotton picking was active. During the first half of September, heavy rains in some locations caused cotton boll rot and decreased fiber quality. However, at other locations cotton and peanut crops were stressed due to lack of rain early in the growing season. The combination of low moisture and summer heat was expected to reduce yields.

Cotton: Based on conditions existing on October 1, yield is forecast at 647 pounds per acre, down 54 pounds from last month's forecast, and down 76 pounds from last year's 723. Growers expect to harvest 89,000 acres, up from last year's 78,000 acres. Production is expected to total 120,000 480-pound bales, up 2,500 bales from last year. The Upland cotton crop in the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) developed ahead of normal due to the continual hot, dry weather. In September, early planted cotton was defoliating. Some late cotton blooms fell off prematurely.

Peanuts: As of October 1, yield is expected to average 3,000 pounds per acre, down 6 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 135,000 acres, which is unchanged from last month's estimate and down 30,000 acres from last year. Production is forecast at 405 million pounds, up almost 13 percent from last year. Peanut harvesting began in mid-September. Expected yields increased from the previous month's estimate. Peanut farmers in areas receiving little rain had difficulty digging the crop. Some also reported white mold on peanuts. During the week ending October 3, peanut digging was aided by rain which loosened the soil. Harvesting was reported as 49 percent complete, up approximately 30 percent from the previous week. Peanut crop conditions were reported as 1 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

Pecans: Production of the bearing crop is anticipated at 1.5 million pounds, down from the 2009 production of 3.1 million pounds. Fifty one percent of the crop or 0.8 million pounds will come from improved varieties.

Sugarcane: All acreage for harvest is set at 392,000 acres, unchanged from the September estimate, but up 5,000 acres from the previous season's acreage. Yield is expected to average 36.7 net tons per acre, unchanged from the September estimate, but up 0.7 ton or 2 percent from last year. Production calculated to 14.4 million net tons, up 0.5 million tons from a year ago. During the week ending October 3, sugarcane harvesting in the south was delayed by Tropical Storm Nicole.

Total harvested acreage for cotton, peanuts, and sugarcane is 616,000 acres, an increase of 8 percent from the previous year.

United States

Cotton: All cotton production is forecast at 18.9 million 480-pound bales, up slightly from last month and up 55 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 841 pounds per harvested acre, up 64 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 18.4 million 480-pound bales, up fractionally from last month and 56 percent above 2009. Producers in Texas and the Delta region are expecting increased yields from last month while producers in the Southeastern region are expecting reduced yields. By September 5, 41 percent of the Nation's cotton acreage had bolls that were opening, well ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Ideal weather conditions throughout much of the major cotton-producing areas maintained a rapid crop development pace.

Peanuts: Production is forecast at 3.92 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the September forecast but up 6 percent from last year's revised production of 3.69 billion pounds. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.26 million acres, unchanged from September but up 17 percent from 2009. Yields are expected to average 3,106 pounds per acre, down 136 pounds from September and down 315 pounds from last year. Production in the Southeast States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina) is expected to total 3.00 billion pounds, down 3 percent from September but 6 percent higher than last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 965,000 acres, unchanged from September but up 17 percent from last year. Yields in the region are expected to average 3,114 pounds per acre, down 109 pounds from September and 314 pounds below last year's average yield. In Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina average yields decreased from September due to continued dry weather and above average temperatures. As a result of the severely dry conditions during the growing season, many peanuts in the region have become contaminated with aflatoxin, which has reduced the quality of many harvested peanuts.

Pecans: Production is forecast at 271 million pounds (utilized, in-shell basis), 7 percent below the 2009 production. When compared with last year, native production is forecast to be down in all States except Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Although this is a down year in the alternate bearing pattern, conditions have been favorable in these States. In Kansas, native variety production, at 2.30 million pounds, is expected to be the highest since 2005. Improved varieties are forecast below last year's production in all States except California, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas. Nationally, improved varieties are expected to produce 220 million pounds or 81 percent of the total, while native and seedling varieties, at 51.0 million pounds, make up the remaining 19 percent of production. In Georgia, production is forecast at 75.0 million pounds, 17 percent below last year. Drought conditions throughout the summer produced widespread stress on dryland orchards.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 30.2 million tons, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 1 percent from 2009. Production decreases from last year are expected in Hawaii and Louisiana, while increases are expected in Florida and Texas. Producers intend to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, also unchanged from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year. In Texas, harvested acreage for sugar and seed is expected to total 52,000 acres. If realized, this will be a record high for the State. Conversely, producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,200 acres for sugar and seed. If realized, this will be a record low for the State. Expected yield is forecast at 34.5 tons per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 0.3 ton from 2009. Harvest in Louisiana was underway Statewide and progressing ahead of the normal pace. Despite unusually dry conditions throughout much of the growing season in Louisiana, tonnage was reported as being good due to timely rainfall received in August.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of October 1, 2010 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2009 crop year.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2009	For harvest 2010	2009	Indicated 2010		2009	Indicated 2010
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
FLORIDA							
Cotton ¹	78.0	89.0	723.0	647.0	(¹)	117.5	120.0
Peanuts ²	105.0	135.0	3,200.0	3,000.0	pounds	336,000.0	405,000.0
Pecans, All.....					pounds	3,100.0	1,500.0
Improved Varieties.....					pounds	1,500.0	770.0
Native and Seedling					pounds	1,600.0	730.0
Potatoes: ³							
Spring	28.9	31.0	266.0	244.0	cwt	7,700.0	7,550.0
Sugarcane	387.0	392.0	36.0	36.7	ton	13,939.0	14,386.0
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	79,590.0	81,263.0	164.7	155.8	bushels	13,110,062.0	12,663,949.0
Cotton, All ¹	7,528.7	10,773.0	777.0	841.0	(¹)	12,187.5	18,872.8
Hay, Alfalfa	21,227.0	20,732.0	3.35	3.44	ton	71,030.0	71,326.0
Hay, All Other	38,528.0	38,924.0	1.98	2.08	ton	76,412.0	80,952.0
Peanuts for Nuts ²	1,079.0	1,261.0	3,421.0	3,106.0	pounds	3,691,650.0	3,916,200.0
Pecans, All.....					pounds	291,830.0	271,300.0
Improved Varieties.....					pounds	240,720.0	220,300.0
Native and Seedling					pounds	51,110.0	51,000.0
Potatoes:							
Winter	8.7	(NA)	245.0	(NA)	cwt	2,132.0	(NA)
Spring	73.7	89.6	289.0	291.0	cwt	21,321.0	26,060.0
Summer.....	41.7	37.1	343.0	317.0	cwt	14,321.0	11,779.0
Fall.....	917.2	882.3	429.0		cwt	393,544.0	
Rice ⁴	3,103.0	3,623.0	7,085.0	6,687.0	(³)	219,850.0	242,260.0
Sorghum for Grain	5,520.0	4,658.0	69.4	72.4	bushels	382,983.0	337,229.0
Soybeans for Beans.....	76,372	76,823.0	44.0	44.4	bushels	3,359,011.0	3,408,211.0
Sugarbeets	1,148.6	1,124.5	25.7	29.6	ton	29,563.0	33,256.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed.....	873.9	876.2	34.8	34.5	ton	30,432.0	30,209.0
Sweet Potatoes.....	96.9	110.2	201		cwt	19,469.0	
Tobacco, All	354.0	338.0	2,322.0	2,110.0	pounds	822,567.0	713,033.0
Wheat, All:	49,893.0	47,657.0	44.5	46.7	bushels	2,218,061.0	2,223,523.0
Winter.....	34,510.0	31,749.0	44.2	46.8	bushels	1,524,608.0	1,485,236.0
Durum	2,428.0	2,529.0	44.9	44.0	bushels	109,042.0	111,350.0
Other Spring.....	12,955.0	13,379.0	45.1	46.9	bushels	584,411.0	626,937.0

NA Not available

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

² 2009 revised.

³ Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current period or from previous reports.

⁴ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. Includes sweet rice production.