



FIELD CROPS

CROP PRODUCTION

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Florida

Weather: During the first week of October, Tropical Storm Nicole postponed sugarcane harvesting. Peanut digging was aided by the rainfall which loosened the soil. Cotton harvesting began in mid-October. Dry weather across the Panhandle down to the southern Peninsula depleted soil moisture for the remainder of the month. Peanut yields and grades suffered significantly on dryland acres. Dry, warm weather for most of October allowed cotton harvesting to progress on schedule. As November arrived, cotton picking continued at a rapid pace, peanut digging was almost completed, and sugarcane harvesting continued.

Cotton: As of November 1, 2010 yield was forecast at 728 pounds per acre, up 5 pounds or 1 percent from last year. The forecast for total harvested was 89,000 acres. Production is up 17,500 bales or 15 percent from last year currently at 135,000 bales. Cotton harvesting began in mid-October. Growers had higher yields than anticipated despite dry weather.

Peanuts: Production is expected to total 432 million pounds, versus 336 million pounds in 2009. Production increased 29 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is projected at 135,000 acres, up 30,000 acres or 29 percent above the previous season. The current yield is 3,200 pounds per acre the same as last year. Yield is up 7 percent from last month's yield of 3,000 pounds per acre.

Sugarcane: The November 1 yield forecast of 36.7 tons per acre remained unchanged from the October 1 estimate. Last year, yield averaged 36.0 tons per acre. Production was set at 14.4 million tons, up 3 percent from the 13.9 million tons produced last year. Acreage to be harvested, is at 392,000 acres, up 5,000 acres or 1 percent from last year's 387,000 acres.

United States

Cotton: Upland cotton harvested area, at 10.6 million acres, is unchanged from last month but up 43 percent from last year. American Pima harvested area, at 207,000 acres, was carried forward from the August forecast. In the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia), warm, dry conditions allowed harvest to progress rapidly during most of October. All cotton production is forecast at 18.4 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month but up 51 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 821 pounds per harvested acre, up 44 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.9 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from last month but 52 percent above 2009.

Peanuts: Production is forecast at 3.96 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the October forecast and up 7 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.26 million acres, unchanged from October but up 17 percent from 2009. Yields are expected to average 3,142 pounds per acre, up 36 pounds from October but down 279 pounds from last year. Production in the Southeast States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina) is expected to total 3.09 billion pounds, up 3 percent from October and 9 percent higher than last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 965,000 acres, unchanged from October but up 17 percent from last year. Yields in the region are expected to average 3,200 pounds per acre, up 86 pounds from October but 228 pounds below last year's average yield. Expected yields increased from last month in Florida and Georgia but were unchanged in Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina. As of October 31, harvest progress was well ahead of last year and the 5-year average in all States in the region.

Corn: Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, unchanged from October but up 2 percent from the previous year. If realized, area harvested for grain will be the second largest on record since 1944, behind only the 86.5 million acres harvested in 2007. Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 4 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. As of November 1, yields are expected to average 154.3 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from the previous month and 10.4 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels.

Soybeans: Area for harvest is forecast at 76.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 1 percent from 2009. Harvested area, if realized, will be the largest on record. Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.38 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast but up slightly from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 43.9 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 0.1 bushel from last year's record high yield.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 29.4 million tons, down 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and last year. Producers intend to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, unchanged from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of November 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 2010 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

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	728.0	(¹)	117.5	135.0
Peanuts.....	105.0	135.0	3,200.0	3,200.0	pounds	336,000.0	432,000.0
Potatoes:							
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	net tons	13,939.0	14,386.0
United States							
Corn for Grain.....	79,590.0	81,263.0	164.7	154.3	bushels	13,110,062.0	12,539,646.0
Cotton, All ¹	7,528.7	10,773.0	777.0	821.0	(¹)	12,187.5	18,417.8
Hay, Alfalfa.....	21,227.0	20,732.0	3.35	3.44	tons	71,030.0	71,326.0
Hay, All Other.....	38,528.0	38,924.0	1.98	2.08	tons	76,412.0	80,952.0
Peanuts for Nuts.....	1,079.0	1,261.0	3,421.0	3,142.0	pounds	3,691,650.0	3,962,000.0
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	882.5	429.0	410.0	cwt	393,544.0	361,392.0
Rice.....	3,103.0	3,623.0	7,085.0	6,669.0	(²)	219,850.0	241,607
Sorghum for Grain.....	5,520.0	4,658.0	69.4	72.5	bushels	382,983.0	337,619.0
Soybeans for Beans.....	76,372.0	76,823.0	44.0	43.9	bushels	3,359,011.0	3,375,067.0
Sugarbeets.....	1,148.6	1,153.5	25.7	27.7	tons	29,563.0	31,934.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed.....	873.9	876.2	34.8	33.5	net tons	30,432.0	29,379.0
Sweet Potatoes.....	96.9	110.2	201.0		cwt	19,469.0	
Tobacco, All.....	354.2	338.0	2,322.0	2,110.0	pounds	822,567.0	713,033.0
Wheat, All:.....	49,893.0	47,637.0	44.5	46.4	bushels	2,218,061.0	2,208,391.0
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	42.4	bushels	109,042.0	107,180.0
Other Spring.....	12,955.0	13,359.0	45.1	46.1	bushels	584,411.0	615,975.0

NA Not available.

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

² Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.