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## Florida

Farmers responding to Florida Agricultural Statistics Service's August Yield Survey forecasted that Florida's sugarcane crop will be larger than last year's crop. However, expectations were that the cotton and peanut crops will be smaller. Producers were challenged by the spring's dry weather that caused planting delays and newly planted crops to struggle to emerge with good stands. Some fields with poor stands had to be replanted. July's frequent, but sometimes spotty rainfall was welcomed by producers after the spring's drought. By August, the crops were thriving in fields with mostly adequate topsoil moisture. Temperatures throughout July were above average.

**Cotton:** Estimated cotton harvested acreage is 90,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year. The yield per acre is forecast at 725 pounds per acre, down from the previous year's yield of 766 pounds. Production is forecast at 136 thousand bales, down from 142,000 bales.

**Peanuts:** Harvested peanut acreage is estimated at 135,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. The yield per acre is forecast at 3,200 pounds per acre, down from 3,400 pounds the previous year. Production, at 432 million pounds, if realized, will be down from the 459 million pounds produced in 2010. This will be the third largest crop on record following the record set in 2010 and the 448 million pounds produced in 2008. Pegging of the crop was behind schedule during early July, but was nearly back on track by August. Producers have been busy treating fields with fungicides to combat white mold caused by the hot, humid weather.

**Sugarcane:** Producers expect to harvest 405,000 acres for the 2011-2012 production season, up 13,000 acres from a year ago. This will be the most sugarcane harvested acreage since 2004, when 406,000 acres were harvested. The yield is forecast at 34.5 tons per acre, up from the previous year's 33.1 ton average. Anticipated production at 13,973 thousand tons, is up from last year's 12,972 thousand tons, an increase of 7.7 percent.

## United States

**Cotton:** All cotton planted area for 2011 is estimated at 13.7 million acres, 25 percent above last year. Upland acreage is estimated at 13.4 million acres, up 25 percent from 2010.

**Hay:** Producers intend to harvest 57.6 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 4 percent from 2010. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 19.3 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2010.

**Other hay:** Production is forecast at 67.0 million tons, down 14 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1993. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States yield since 1988. Harvested area is forecast at 38.3 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but down 4 percent from last year.

**Peanuts:** Area planted to peanuts in 2011 is estimated at 1.15 million acres, down 11 percent from 2010. Area for harvest is forecasted at 1.12 million acres, down 11 percent from last year.

**Corn:** The 2011 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up 5 percent from last year, and the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Growers expect to harvest 84.9 million acres for grain, up 4 percent from last year.

**Soybeans:** Soybean planted area for 2011 is estimated at 75.2 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 74.3 million acres, is also down 3 percent from 2010.

**Sugarcane:** Harvested area of sugarcane in the United States for sugar and seed is forecast at 889,000 acres for the 2011 crop year, up 1 percent from a year ago. The sugarcane growing areas in Louisiana and Florida are experiencing extreme drought conditions.

**Winter wheat:** The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.1 million acres, is up 10 percent from last year.

**Sweet potatoes:** Planted area of sweet potatoes is expected to total 132,600 acres for the 2011 season, up 11 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 128,200 acres, 10 percent higher than 2010.

## Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of August 1, 2011 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2011 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2010	For harvest 2011	2010	Indicated 2011		2010	Indicated 2011
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
<b>Florida</b>							
Cotton <sup>1</sup> .....	89.0	90.0	766.0	725.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	142.0	136.0
Peanuts .....	135.0	135.0	3,400.0	3,200.0	pounds	459,000.0	432,000.0
Potatoes:							
Spring .....	31.8	33.7	250.0	256.0	cwt	7,950.0	8,618.0
Sugarcane .....	392.0	405.0	33.1	34.5	net tons	12,972.0	13,973.0
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain .....	81,446.0	84,388.0	152.8	153.0	bushels	12,446,865.0	12,914,085.0
Cotton, All <sup>1</sup> .....	10,698.7	9,666.5	812.0	822.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	18,104.1	16,554.2
Hay, Alfalfa .....	19,956.0	19,329.0	3.40	3.36	tons	67,903.0	64,996.0
Hay, All Other .....	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	tons	77,653.0	67,002.0
Peanuts for Nuts.....	1,255.0	1,117.0	3,311.0	3,234.0	pounds	4,155,600.0	3,612,050.0
Potatoes:							
Spring .....	85.9	90.5	289.0	283.0	cwt	24,820.0	25,640.0
Summer.....	37.5	38.7	310.0	313.0	cwt	11,642.0	12,112.0
Fall .....	881.3	936.1	409.0		cwt	360,727.0	
Rice .....	3,615.0	2,644.0	6,725.0	7,114.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	243,104.0	188,088.0
Sorghum for Grain .....	4,808.0	4,388.0	71.8	54.8	bushels	345,395.0	240,638.0
Soybeans for Beans.....	76,616.0	73,823.0	43.5	41.4	bushels	3,329,341.0	3,055,882.0
Sugarbeets.....	1,157.7	1,216.6	27.6	25.0	tons	31,901.0	30,393.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed .....	877.5	889.0	31.2	32.3	net tons	27,360.0	28,689.0
Sweet Potatoes.....	116.9	128.2	204.0		cwt	23,845.0	
Tobacco, All.....	337.5	336.6	2,130.0	2,158.0	pounds	718,883.0	726,324.0
Wheat:					bushels		
Winter.....	31,749.0	32,307.0	46.8	46.3	bushels	1,485,236.0	1,497,429.0
Durum .....	2,529.0	1,347.0	42.4	42.4	bushels	107,180.0	57,130.0
Other Spring.....	13,359.0	12,270.0	46.1	42.5	bushels	615,975.0	521,975.0

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

<sup>2</sup> Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.