



FIELD CROPS

CROP PRODUCTION

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Florida

Weather: During the first week of October, sugarcane harvesting was underway. Mostly dry conditions allowed field crop harvesting to advance. Cotton harvesting was underway in Washington and Jackson counties early in the month. Rains by mid-October helped loosen the ground for peanut digging. Cotton picking started in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties with low yields as well as low quality reported. As the month ended, weather conditions were ideal for harvesting cotton, soybeans, and peanuts. Overall, October was filled with hit or miss rains in certain localities along with cooler evening temperatures. As of November 6, peanut harvesting was 94 percent completed.

Cotton: As of November 1, 2011 yield was forecast at 700 pounds per acre, down 66 pounds or 9 percent from last year. The forecast for total harvested was 120,000 acres, up 31,000 acres from last year. Production is up 33,000 bales or 23 percent from last year's 142,000 bales. Cotton harvesting began in early October. Growers had lower yields due to dry weather.

Peanuts: Production is expected to total 549.5 million pounds, versus 472.5 million pounds in 2010. Production increased 16 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is projected at 157,000 acres, up 22,000 acres or 16 percent above the previous season. The current yield is 3,500 pounds per acre the same as last year. Yield is up 3 percent from last month's yield of 3,400 pounds per acre.

Sugarcane: The November 1 yield forecast of 35 tons per acre remained unchanged from the October 1 estimate. Last year, yield averaged 33.1 tons per acre. Production was set at 13.9 million tons, up 7 percent from the 13.0 million tons produced last year. Acreage to be harvested is at 397,000 acres, up 5,000 acres or 1 percent from last year's 392,000 acres.

United States

Cotton: Upland cotton harvested area is expected to total 9.56 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 9 percent from 2010. If realized, the abandonment rate will be the highest on record. American Pima harvested area, at 287,500 acres, and production forecast at 737,200 bales, was carried forward from last month. Drought conditions in many of the cotton growing areas have negatively impacted this year's crop. Texas is experiencing one of the most severe droughts in recorded history. As of October 30, forty-two percent of the United States cotton acreage was rated in very poor to poor condition, unchanged from last month. Fifty-five percent of the United States cotton crop had been harvested by October 30, three points behind last year but 12 points ahead of the 5-year average. All cotton production is forecast at 16.3 million 480-pound bales, down 2 percent from the October forecast and down 10 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 794 pounds per harvested acre, down 18 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 15.6 million 480-pound bales, down 12 percent from 2010.

Peanuts: Production is forecast at 3.65 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the October forecast but down 12 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.11 million acres, unchanged from October but 11 percent lower than 2010. Yields are expected to average 3,275 pounds per acre, up 19 pounds from October but down 37 pounds from last year. As of October 30, seventy-three percent of the United States acreage was harvested, 4 points behind last year but 6 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

Corn: Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, unchanged from October but up 3 percent from the previous year. If realized, area harvested for grain will be the second highest on record, behind only the 86.5 million acres harvested in 2007. As of October 30, seventy-eight percent of the Nation's corn crop had been harvested, 12 percentage points behind last year's pace but 16 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Favorable weather conditions across much of the Midwest during October promoted crop maturation and harvesting. However, significant delays persisted in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania due to the late maturing crop and wet field conditions. Production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 146.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from the October forecast and down 6.1 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2003.

Soybeans: Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 4 percent from 2010. Harvested area, if realized, will be the sixth largest on record. Production is forecast at 3.05 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 9 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from last month and down 2.2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003.

Sugarcane: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 28.6 million tons, virtually unchanged from the October forecast but up 5 percent from 2010. Producers intend to harvest 883,000 acres for sugar and seed in 2011 with an expected yield of 32.4 tons per acre, both unchanged from the October forecast.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of November 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)
Florida							
Cotton ¹	89.0	120.0	766.0	700.0	(¹)	142.0	175.0
Peanuts.....	135.0	157.0	3,500.0	3,500.0	pounds	472,500.0	549,500.0
Potatoes:							
Spring.....	31.8	33.7	250.0	256.0	cwt	7,950.0	8,618.0
Sugarcane.....	392.0	397.0	33.1	35.0	net tons	12,972.0	13,895.0
United States							
Corn for Grain.....	81,446.0	83,936.0	152.8	146.7	bushels	12,446,865.0	12,309,936.0
Cotton, All ¹	10,698.7	9,849.5	812.0	794.0	(¹)	18,104.1	16,300.2
Hay, Alfalfa.....	19,956.0	19,329.0	3.40	3.35	tons	67,903.0	64,714.0
Hay, All Other.....	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	tons	77,653.0	66,980.0
Peanuts for Nuts.....	1,255.0	1,114.0	3,312.0	3,275.0	pounds	4,156,840.0	3,648,500.0
Potatoes:							
Spring.....	85.8	90.5	289.0	283.0	cwt	24,797.0	25,640.0
Summer.....	40.4	44.2	321.0	303.0	cwt	12,971.0	13,386.0
Fall.....	881.8	938.5	416.0	410.0	cwt	366,505.0	385,113.0
Rice.....	3,615.0	2,624.0	6,725.0	7,167.0	(²)	243,104.0	188,069.0
Sorghum for Grain.....	4,808.0	4,432.0	71.8	55.5	bushels	345,395.0	245,909.0
Soybeans for Beans.....	76,610.0	73,676.0	43.5	41.3	bushels	3,329,181.0	3,045,558.0
Sugarbeets.....	1,155.7	1,207.7	27.6	23.9	tons	31,901.0	28,853.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed.....	877.5	883.0	31.2	32.4	net tons	27,360.0	28,617.0
Sweet Potatoes.....	116.9	128.2	204.0		cwt	23,845	
Tobacco, All.....	337.5	331.9	2,130.0	1,922.0	pounds	718,883.0	637,903.0
Wheat, All:.....	47,619.0	45,705.0	46.3	43.7	bushels	2,206,916.0	1,999,347.0
Winter.....	31,741.0	32,314.0	46.8	46.2	bushels	1,484,861.0	1,493,677.0
Durum.....	2,519.0	1,312.0	42.1	38.5	bushels	106,080.0	50,482.0
Other Spring.....	13,359.0	12,079.0	46.1	37.7	bushels	615,975.0	455,188.0

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.