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# FIELD CROPS

## CROP PRODUCTION



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### Florida

**Weather:** Frequent rainfall throughout August benefited field crops, but interfered with harvesting hay and spraying for pests. Tropical Storm Isaac dumped rain across much of Florida with a few areas setting record August rainfall. At late August, the entire State was drought free for the first time since June 2010. The cotton crop appeared to be in excellent shape with producers anticipating a record yield. Some growers had concerns about boll rot due to the damp weather. Limited peanut harvesting was underway by mid-August, but was on schedule compared to previous years.

**Cotton:** Based on conditions as of September 1, growers expected to harvest 105,000 acres, down 13,000 acres or 11 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at a record 1,051 pounds per acre. Production is estimated at 230 thousand bales, up 47,000 bales or 26 percent from 2011.

**Peanuts:** Harvested acreage is estimated at 200 thousand acres, up 43,000 acres or 27 percent from a year ago. Yield is expected to average 3,700 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from the previous year. Total expected production is at 740 million pounds, up 35 percent from last year's 549.5 million pounds.

**Sugarcane:** All acreage for harvest is set at 410 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last season. Expected yield is set at 37.8 tons per acre or down one percent from last year. Production for sugar and seed is estimated 15.5 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago.

### United States

**Cotton:** Production is forecast at 17.1 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from last month but up 10 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 786 pounds per harvested acre, down 4 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 16.5 million 480-pound bales, up 12 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production, forecast at 657,000 bales, is down 23 percent from last year.

**Peanuts:** Production is forecast at 5.92 billion pounds, up 12 percent from the August forecast and up 63 percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area, at 1.64 million acres, is up 7 percent from the June estimate and up 43 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.59 million acres, up 7 percent from June and 45 percent higher than 2011. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at a record high 3,714 pounds per acre, up 152 pounds from August and up 401 pounds from last year.

**Corn:** Production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the August forecast and down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 122.8 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the August forecast and 24.4 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.4 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 4 percent from 2011.

**Soybeans:** Production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 2 percent from August and down 14 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 35.3 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month and down 6.2 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are lower or unchanged across the Great Plains and most of the Corn Belt as lingering drought conditions continued to hamper yield expectations. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 74.6 million acres, unchanged from August but up 1 percent from last year.

**Sugarcane:** Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2012 is forecast at 31.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast. Producers intend to harvest 893,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 2012 crop year, up 2,000 acres from the previous forecast. Expected yield for sugar and seed is forecast at 34.7 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from the August 1 forecast. Louisiana and Florida both received significant rainfall from Hurricane Isaac. Reports of lodging were received in both States. Planting was behind in Louisiana due to the storm aftermath, however expectations were still high for an excellent year.

### Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of September 1, 2012 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2012 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2011	For harvest 2012	2011	Indicated 2012		2011	Indicated 2012
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
<b>Florida</b>							
Cotton <sup>1</sup> .....	118.0	105.0	744.0	1,051.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	183.0	230.0
Peanuts .....	157.0	200.0	3,500.0	3,700.0	pounds	549,500.0	740,000.0
Potatoes:							
Spring .....	35.6	36.3	256.0	260.0	cwt	9,112.0	9,438.0
Sugarcane .....	397.0	410.0	38.0	37.8	net tons	15,085.0	15,498.0
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain .....	83,981.0	87,361	147.2	122.8	bushels	12,358,412.0	10,727,364.0
Cotton, All <sup>1</sup> .....	9,460.9	10,443.4	790.0	786.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	15,573.2	17,109.0
Hay, Alfalfa.....	19,213.0	18,812.0	3.40	2.92	tons	65,332.0	54,895.0
Hay, All Other.....	36,420.0	38,762.0	1.81	1.69	tons	65,812.0	65,448.0
Peanuts for Nuts.....	1,097.6	1,594.0	3,313.0	3,714.0	pounds	3,636,320.0	5,919,500.0
Potatoes:							
Spring .....	91.5	96.1	279.0	289.0	cwt	25,573.0	27,740.0
Summer.....	46.0	49.0	280.0	356.0	cwt	12,894.0	17,447.0
Fall.....	939.5	990.8	416.0		cwt	391,180.0	
Rice .....	2,618.0	2,677.0	7,067.0	7,334.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	185,009.0	196,318.0
Sorghum for Grain .....	3,929.0	5,098.0	54.6	48.3	bushels	214,443.0	246,021.0
Soybeans for Beans.....	73,626.0	74,635.0	41.5	35.3	bushels	3,056,032.0	2,634,310
Sugarbeets.....	1,213.1	1,215.0	23.8	29.3	tons	28,828.0	35,583.0
Sugarcane for							
Sugar and Seed .....	872.6	893.0	33.7	34.7	net tons	29,383.0	31,008.0
Sweet Potatoes.....	129.7	128.5	208.0		cwt	26,964.0	
Tobacco, All.....	325.0	336.3	1,841.0	2,277.0	pounds	598,320.0	765,807.0
Wheat, All:.....	45,705.0	48,826.0	43.7	46.5	bushels	1,999,347.0	2,268,246.0
Winter.....	32,314.0	35,023.0	46.2	48.0	bushels	1,493,677.0	1,682,726.0
Durum .....	1,312.0	2,122.0	38.5	40.5	bushels	50,482.0	86,010.0
Other Spring.....	12,079.0	11,681.0	37.7	42.8	bushels	455,188.0	499,510.0

<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.