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US corn production is forecast at 13.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production. Soybean production is forecast at 3.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, down 20 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the August Crop Production include:

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 35.9 million bushels, down 21 percent from 2014. Yield is forecast at 138 bushels per acre, a 21 bushel drop from last year's record high yield. Cotton production at 500,000 bales is down 23 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 742 million pounds, up 34 percent. Soybeans production at 19.2 million bushels is up 1 percent from last year. Peach production is forecast up 47 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton production at 145,000 bales is down 24 percent from 2014. Peanut production is forecast at 625.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2014.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 47.7 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2014 while yield is forecast at 180 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be a record high for Georgia producers. Cotton production at 2.10 million bales is down 18 percent. Peanut production is forecast at 3.32 billion pounds, up 37 percent from 2014. Soybeans production at 14.5 million bushels is up 25 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at a record high 42 bushels per acre. Peach production is forecast up 10 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at 29.4 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2014. Cotton production at 420,000 bales is down 20 percent. Peanut production is forecast at 374 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2014. Soybeans production at 11.1 million bushels is down 28 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 27 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year's record high 35 bushels per acre. Peach production is forecast up 5 percent from last year.

Fruit Production — States and United States: 2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015

[Current year estimates are for the full 2015 crop year]

Fruit and State	Total production	
	2014 (tons)	2015 (tons)
Grapes		
Georgia.....	4,000	4,700
United States	7,771,830	8,046,400
Peaches		
Alabama	3,400	5,000
Georgia.....	35,500	39,000
South Carolina	65,700	69,000
United States	852,939	804,600

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, August 2015

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014	2015	2014 (1,000)	2015 (1,000)
Corn¹ (bushels)								
Alabama.....	300	280	285	260	159.0	138.0	45,315	35,880
Florida ²	75	70	40	35	135.0		5,400	
Georgia.....	350	315	310	265	170.0	180.0	52,700	47,700
South Carolina.....	295	275	280	260	117.0	113.0	32,760	29,380
United States	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	14,215,532	13,686,063
Cotton, all³ (bales)								
Alabama.....	350.0	300.0	348.0	298.0	901	805	653.0	500.0
Florida.....	107.0	85.0	105.0	83.0	878	839	192.0	145.0
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,100.0	1,370.0	1,090.0	900	925	2,570.0	2,100.0
South Carolina.....	280.0	240.0	278.0	237.0	912	851	528.0	420.0
United States	11,037.4	8,898.0	9,346.8	7,894.9	838	795	16,319.4	13,082.0
Hay, all other (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	750	720	2.80	2.50	2,100	1,800
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	320	300	2.60		832	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	580	540	2.60	2.80	1,508	1,512
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(NA)	270	260	2.30		621	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	38,647	38,202	2.03	2.09	78,352	80,008
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	175.0	215.0	173.0	212.0	3,200	3,500	553,600	742,000
Florida.....	175.0	180.0	167.0	169.0	4,000	3,700	668,000	625,300
Georgia.....	600.0	800.0	591.0	790.0	4,100	4,200	2,423,100	3,318,000
South Carolina.....	112.0	115.0	108.0	110.0	3,800	3,400	410,400	374,000
United States	1,354.0	1,600.0	1,325.0	1,565.0	3,932	3,950	5,210,100	6,181,000
Soybeans..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	485	490	475	480	40.0	40.0	19,000	19,200
Florida ²	39	35	37	33	43.0		1,591	
Georgia.....	300	360	290	345	40.0	42.0	11,600	14,490
South Carolina.....	450	420	440	410	35.0	27.0	15,400	11,070
United States	83,701	84,339	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	3,968,823	3,916,448
Sugarcane for sugar and seed (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	408.0	416.0	38.6	38.0	15,738	15,808
United States	(NA)	(NA)	870.3	894.7	35.0	35.9	30,424	32,146
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.0	13.0	2,300	2,250	34,500	29,250
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.8	14.3	2,100	1,900	33,180	27,170
United States	(NA)	(NA)	378.4	332.5	2,316	2,158	876,415	717,341
Wheat, winter⁴ (bushels)								
Alabama ⁵	255	260	225	225	69.0		15,525	
Florida ⁵	15	25	10	15	39.0		390	
Georgia.....	300	260	230	190	49.0	46.0	11,270	8,740
South Carolina.....	230	180	220	170	52.0	50.0	11,440	8,500
United States	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329	42.6	43.2	1,377,526	1,438,278

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2015 Summary*, released January 2016.

³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

⁵ Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Small Grains 2015 Summary*, released September 2015.

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