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## October 1 Kentucky Crop Production Forecast

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 228 million bushels, up 2 percent from the September forecast and up 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 175 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month and up 17 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.30 million acres, down 130,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the September forecast and down 5 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 168.0 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last month and down 3.0 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from 2014.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 89.2 million bushels, down 3 percent from the September forecast and up 7 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 49 bushels per acre, down 1 bushels from last month and up 1.5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.82 million acres, up 70,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.2 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushels from last month and down 0.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.4 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast and down slightly from 2014.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is forecast at 114 million pounds, down 3 percent from the September forecast and down 30 percent from 2014. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month and down 250 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 60,000 acres, down 16,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 152 million pounds, down 29 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 81,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2014. Yields were expected to average 1,876 pounds per acre, down 224 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 33.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from the September forecast and down 7 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 14.5 million pounds, up 7 percent from the September forecast and unchanged from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production by **Kentucky** farmers is forecast at 613,000 tons, up 9 percent the 2014 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 5.04 million tons, up 20 percent from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, OCTOBER 1  
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>		2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>
						Sep 1	Oct 1		
<b>KENTUCKY</b>									
Corn <sup>2</sup>	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(000 bu)	(000 bu)
	1,520	1,400	1,430	1,300	158.0	172.0	175.0	225,940	227,500
Soybeans <sup>2</sup>	1,760	1,840	1,750	1,820	47.5	50.0	49.0	83,125	89,180
Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup>	630	560	510	440	71.0	73.0	--	36,210	32,120
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(000 tons)	(000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	2,265	2,275	2.10	--	--	4,761	5,215
Alfalfa	--	--	165	175	3.40	--	3.50	561	613
Other, All	--	--	2,100	2,100	2.00	--	2.40	4,200	5,040
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(000 pounds)	(000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	91,700	74,900	2,337	2,139	2,165	214,280	162,160
Burley	--	--	76,000	60,000	2,150	1,900	1,900	163,400	114,000
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	10,700	9,900	3,400	3,400	3,400	36,380	33,660
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,000	5,000	2,900	2,700	2,900	14,500	14,500
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn <sup>2</sup>	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(000 bu)	(000 bu)
	90,597	88,381	83,136	80,664	171.0	167.5	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Soybeans <sup>2</sup>	83,276	83,205	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.1	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup>	42,409	39,461	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	--	1,377,216	1,370,188
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(000 tons)	(000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	57,092	56,539	2.45	--	2.52	139,798	142,401
Alfalfa	--	--	18,445	18,337	3.33	--	3.45	61,446	63,214
Other, All	--	--	38,647	38,202	2.03	--	2.07	78,352	79,187
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(000 pounds)	(000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	378,360	328,950	2,316	2,136	2,148	876,415	706,602
Burley	--	--	101,500	81,000	2,100	1,875	1,876	213,160	151,985
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	18,630	17,750	3,175	3,199	3,209	59,146	56,960
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,150	6,200	2,844	2,681	2,842	17,490	17,620

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). Wheat Yield is final estimate for 2014. <sup>2</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**Livestock Average Prices Received <sup>1 2</sup>**

Commodity	United States		
	Aug 2014	Jul 2015	Aug 2015
	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.
All Hogs	83.20	58.70	59.00
Barrows & Gilts	82.90	59.50	59.30
Sows	91.60	40.00	50.70
All Beef Cattle <sup>3</sup>	158.00	149.00	148.00
Steers & Heifers <sup>4</sup>	159.00	150.00	149.00
Cows	121.00	113.00	110.00
Calves <sup>5</sup>	271.00	275.00	273.00

**Crop Average Prices Received <sup>1</sup>**

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Aug 2014	Aug 2015	Aug 2014	Aug 2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) <sup>23</sup>	4.10	4.06	3.63	3.68
Soybeans (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	12.70	9.95	12.40	9.71
Winter Wheat (Bu) <sup>2</sup>	(4)	(4)	5.90	4.82
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	190.00	210.00	207.00	159.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	90.00	105.00	132.00	115.00

<sup>1</sup> U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. <sup>2</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>3</sup> "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. <sup>4</sup> 500 lbs. and over. <sup>5</sup> Under 500 lbs.

<sup>1</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>2</sup> Includes contract sales paid during month. <sup>3</sup> Includes yellow and white corn. <sup>4</sup> Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

**Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, September 1, 2015 with Comparisons**

Crop & Position	Kentucky			United States		
	Sep 2014 <i>(000 Bushels)</i>	Jun 2015 <sup>1</sup> <i>(000 Bushels)</i>	Sep 2015 <i>(000 Bushels)</i>	Sep 2014 <i>(000 Bushels)</i>	Jun 2015 <sup>1</sup> <i>(000 Bushels)</i>	Sep 2015 <i>(000 Bushels)</i>
<b>Corn</b>						
On-Farm	4,000	21,500	5,200	462,000	2,275,000	593,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	4,354	18,297	4,235	769,904	2,177,992	1,138,310
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,354</b>	<b>39,797</b>	<b>9,435</b>	<b>1,231,904</b>	<b>4,452,992</b>	<b>1,731,310</b>
<b>Sorghum</b>						
On-Farm	(NA)	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	1,945	2,960	1,895
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	32,087	31,329	16,519
<b>Total</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>34,032</b>	<b>34,289</b>	<b>18,414</b>
<b>Oats</b>						
On-Farm	(NA)	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	41,400	15,120	47,200
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	32,910	38,625	46,091
<b>Total</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>74,310</b>	<b>53,745</b>	<b>93,291</b>
<b>Barley</b>						
On-Farm	(NA)	( <sup>3</sup> )	( <sup>3</sup> )	97,820	20,940	135,590
Off-Farm <sup>1</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	81,997	57,630	82,925
<b>Total</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>179,817</b>	<b>78,570</b>	<b>218,515</b>
<b>All Wheat</b>						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	713,450	155,170	647,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	13,648	5,520	16,713	1,193,770	598,102	1,441,957
<b>Total</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>1,907,220</b>	<b>753,272</b>	<b>2,088,957</b>
<b>Soybeans</b>						
On-Farm	(D)	(D)	(D)	21,325	380,770	141,725
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	(D)	(D)	(D)	70,666	627,070	191,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>91,991</b>		

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Data may have been revised. <sup>2</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. <sup>3</sup> On-Farm stocks estimates not made.

**Kentucky Winter Wheat Production down 11 percent from 2014**

**Kentucky** farmers harvested 32.1 million bushels of **winter wheat** during the summer of 2015 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 11 percent from the previous year and up 2 percent from the August forecast. Yield is estimated at 73.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from 2014 and up 3.0 from August forecast. Farmers seeded 560,000 acres last fall, down 70,000 acres from 2014. Area harvested for grain totaled 440,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 120,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco, cut as hay, chopped for silage or abandoned.

**U. S. all wheat** production totaled 2.05 billion bushels in 2015, up 1 percent from the revised 2014 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 47.1 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2014 by type are winter wheat, 1.37 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent; other spring wheat, 599 million bushels, up less than 1 percent; and Durum wheat, 82.5 million bushels, up 53 percent.

**MILK PRODUCTION**

**Milk production** in the 23 major States during August totaled 16.3 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from August 2014. July revised production at 16.6 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from July 2014. The July revision represented an increase of 5.0 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major States averaged 1,891 pounds for August, 6 pounds above August 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of August since the 23 State series began in 2003.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major States was 8.63 million head, 43,000 head more than August 2014, but unchanged from July 2015.

## SPECIAL NOTE

*2015 Kentucky Small, Limited Resource, Minority Farmers Conference  
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**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups  
September 1, 2014 - 2015, Selected States and U.S.**

State	Total		Breeding		Market		Market Hogs			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	< 50	50-119	120-179	> 180
							pounds			
	2015									
<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>
CO	710	740	155	145	555	595	300	110	85	100
IL	4,650	4,750	510	500	4,140	4,250	1,320	1,280	860	790
IN	3,600	3,750	280	280	3,320	3,470	1,010	1,000	720	740
IA	20,800	21,200	1,030	1,000	19,770	20,200	5,310	6,530	4,910	3,450
KS	1,830	1,940	170	180	1,660	1,760	480	495	305	480
MI	1,030	1,100	110	110	920	990	295	240	225	230
MN	7,750	7,950	550	560	7,200	7,390	2,550	2,200	1,490	1,150
MO	2,850	3,050	390	400	2,460	2,650	1,275	560	400	415
NE	3,100	3,200	390	410	2,710	2,790	880	790	590	530
NC	8,400	8,700	870	880	7,530	7,820	3,200	1,960	1,410	1,250
OH	2,080	2,400	170	185	1,910	2,215	650	680	515	370
OK	2,050	2,230	430	470	1,620	1,760	795	410	280	275
PA	1,160	1,170	100	100	1,060	1,070	275	370	225	200
SD	1,270	1,330	175	170	1,095	1,160	415	315	215	215
TX	770	860	100	105	670	755	190	205	180	180
UT	720	730	75	75	645	655	280	130	120	125
Other <sup>1</sup>	3,209	3,295	415	416	2,794	2,880	1,066	711	550	553
US	65,979	68,395	5,920	5,986	60,059	62,410	20,291	17,986	13,080	11,053

<sup>1</sup> Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States. Kentucky included in "Other".

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