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September 1 Kentucky Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 224 million bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast but down 1 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 172 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month and up 14 bushels from the 2014 level. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for Kentucky. 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 less than 1 percent from the August forecast and down 4 percent from last year's record production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from last month and down 3.5 bushels from 2014. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 92.0 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast but up 10 percent from 2014. If realized, this will be the largest soybean crop on record for Kentucky. Yield was estimated at 50.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 2.0 bushels from a year ago. If realized, yield will equal 2013 for the highest yield on record. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.84 million acres, up 90,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.94 billion bushels, up slightly from the August forecast but down 1 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month but down 0.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.5 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up less than 1 percent from 2014.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is forecast at 118 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast but down 28 percent from 2014. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from last month but down 250 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 62,000 acres, down 14,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 158 million pounds, down 26 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 84,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2014. Yields were expected to average 1,875 pounds per acre, down 225 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 32.3 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast but down 11 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 13.5 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast but down 7 percent from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²	2014	2015 ¹		2014	2015 ¹
						Aug 1	Sep 1 ²		
KENTUCKY									
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(000 bu)	(000 bu)
Corn ³	1,520	1,400	1,430	1,300	158.0	170.0	172.0	225,940	223,600
Soybeans ³	1,760	1,850	1,750	1,840	48.0	50.0	50.0	84,000	92,000
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	630	600	510	450	71.0	70.0	--	36,210	31,500
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(000 tons)	(000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	2,265	2,275	2.10	2.29	--	4,761	5,215
Alfalfa	--	--	165	175	3.40	3.40	--	561	595
Other, All	--	--	2,100	2,100	2.00	2.20	--	4,200	4,620
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(000 pounds)	(000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	91,700	76,500	2,337	2,139	2,139	214,280	163,600
Burley	--	--	76,000	62,000	2,150	1,900	1,900	163,400	117,800
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	10,700	9,500	3,400	3,400	3,400	36,380	32,300
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,000	5,000	2,900	2,700	2,700	14,500	13,500
UNITED STATES									
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(000 bu)	(000 bu)
Corn ³	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	167.5	14,215,532	13,584,945
Soybeans ³	83,701	84,339	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	47.1	3,968,823	3,935,277
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329	42.6	43.2	--	1,377,526	1,438,278
	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(000 ac)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(000 tons)	(000 tons)
Hay:									
All	--	--	57,092	56,539	2.45	2.51	--	139,798	142,100
Alfalfa	--	--	18,445	18,337	3.33	3.39	--	61,446	62,092
Other, All	--	--	38,647	38,202	2.03	2.09	--	78,352	80,008
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(000 pounds)	(000 pounds)
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	378,360	332,050	2,316	2,158	2,136	876,415	709,389
Burley	--	--	101,500	84,000	2,100	1,872	1,875	213,160	157,500
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	18,630	17,450	3,175	3,247	3,199	59,146	55,818
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,150	6,200	2,844	2,681	2,681	17,490	16,620

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Livestock Average Prices Received ^{1 2}

Commodity	United States		
	Jul 2014	Jun 2015	Jul 2015
	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.
All Hogs	93.30	59.90	58.70
Barrows & Gilts	93.60	60.80	59.50
Sows	85.10	36.80	40.00
All Beef Cattle ³	156.00	155.00	149.00
Steers & Heifers ⁴	157.00	156.00	150.00
Cows	115.00	113.00	113.00
Calves ⁵	257.00	292.00	275.00

Crop Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Jul 2014	Jul 2015	Jul 2014	Jul 2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	4.45	4.12	4.06	3.80
Soybeans (Bu) ²	13.30	10.20	13.10	9.96
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)	5.99	5.15
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	190.00	210.00	217.00	169.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	90.00	105.00	133.00	129.00

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

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

KENTUCKY CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, 2012 - 2014

Commodity	2012 ¹	2013 ¹	2014	2014 % of Total	2014 % of 2013
	<i>(1,000 Dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 Dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 Dollars)</i>	%	%
ALL COMMODITIES ²	4,829,027	6,173,961	6,547,667	100.0	106
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS ²	2,365,123	3,357,393	3,664,530	56.0	109
Meat Animals	761,267	947,826	1,173,998	17.9	124
Cattle and calves	649,038	825,432	1,040,853	15.9	126
Hogs	112,229	122,394	133,145	2.0	109
Dairy products, Milk	219,582	227,900	256,194	3.9	112
Poultry and eggs	1,011,408	1,170,461	1,279,416	19.5	109
Broilers	866,600	1,014,479	1,098,698	16.8	108
Other livestock ³	372,866	1,011,207	954,922	14.6	94
CROPS ^{2 4}	2,463,904	2,816,568	2,883,137	44.0	102
Food Grains	207,738	252,386	234,788	3.6	93
Wheat	207,738	252,386	234,788	3.6	93
Feed Crops ⁵	982,829	944,058	1,078,943	16.5	114
Corn	838,463	751,986	897,359	13.7	119
Tobacco	408,243	404,438	448,059	6.8	111
Oil Crops ⁶	706,579	1,047,940	953,594	14.6	91
All Other Crops ⁷	158,515	167,745	167,752	2.6	100

Source: USDA - Economic Research Service. ** -- Indicates less than .05%. ** NA-Not Available.

¹ Revised. ²May not add due to rounding. ³Includes horses, stud fees, mules, sheep and lambs, goats, turkeys, aquaculture, honey, wool, rabbits, bison and all other livestock. ⁴Forest products not included in farm cash receipts, but are included in net farm income. ⁵Includes hay. ⁶Includes soybeans.

⁷Includes greenhouse/nursery, fruits and nuts, vegetables, barley, sorghum grain, popcorn, sunflowers, other seeds, other field crops and mushrooms.

FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES 2013 - 2014

Expenditure - Farm Share	Atlantic Region ¹					United States ²				
	Average per Farm ³		Total Expenditures			Average per Farm ³		Total Expenditures		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	14 /13	2013	2014	2013	2014	14 /13
	\$	\$	Million \$	Million \$	%	\$	\$	Million \$	Million \$	%
Total Farm Production Expenditures ⁴	109,288	116,530	45,420	48,190	106	175,270	191,500	367,270	397,600	108
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ⁵	10,346	11,123	4,300	4,600	107	16,321	21,722	34,200	45,100	132
Feed	26,011	25,705	10,810	10,630	98	29,779	30,680	62,400	63,700	102
Farm Services ⁶	10,587	12,792	4,400	5,290	120	18,612	21,818	39,000	45,300	116
Rent ⁷	3,730	4,377	1,550	1,810	117	14,985	15,701	31,400	32,600	104
Agricultural Chemicals ⁸	3,008	3,192	1,250	1,320	106	6,967	7,610	14,600	15,800	108
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ⁸	6,280	6,336	2,610	2,620	100	13,505	13,486	28,300	28,000	99
Interest	2,190	2,708	910	1,120	123	4,152	4,672	8,700	9,700	111
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	3,633	4,764	1,510	1,970	130	5,584	6,550	11,700	13,600	116
Labor	11,213	10,906	4,660	4,510	97	15,271	16,472	32,000	34,200	107
Fuels	5,294	5,296	2,200	2,190	100	7,826	8,043	16,400	16,700	102
Farm Supplies & Repairs ⁹	6,545	7,254	2,720	3,000	110	8,924	9,585	18,700	19,900	106
Farm Improvements & Construction ¹⁰	5,919	6,529	2,460	2,700	110	7,922	8,766	16,600	18,200	110
Tractors & Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	5,342	5,126	2,220	2,120	95	8,161	8,140	17,100	16,900	99
Other Farm Machinery	2,526	2,878	1,050	1,190	113	4,200	4,335	8,800	9,000	102
Seeds & Plants ¹¹	4,788	5,296	1,990	2,190	110	10,451	10,644	21,900	22,100	101
Trucks & Autos	1,684	2,080	700	860	123	2,381	2,986	4,990	6,200	124
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ¹²	192	169	80	70	88	229	289	480	600	125

¹ Atlantic: CT, DE, KY, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, TN, VA, VT, WV. ²Excludes AK and HI. ³Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding. ⁴Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ⁵Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ⁶Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, utilities, general expenses, and miscellaneous business expenses. ⁷Includes cash rent paid, share rent, plus public and private grazing fees. ⁸Includes material and application costs. ⁹Includes bedding/litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, oils and lubricants, temporary fencing, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of equipment not depreciated, and other small, non-capital equipment. ¹⁰Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs.

SPECIAL NOTE

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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from July 2014. June revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from June 2014. The June revision represented an increase of 40.0 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,921 pounds for July, 12 pounds above July 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of July 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, 47,000 head more than July 2014, and 2,000 head more than June 2015.

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