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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
						Aug 1	Sep 1 ²		
KENTUCKY									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
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
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
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									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
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
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
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.