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### **Crop Production Report Shows Strong Corn and Soybean Yields**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the November Crop Production report today, showing a 177 bushels per acre yield for corn and 50 bushels per acre yield on soybeans. “A relatively dry fall helped corn and soybean harvest proceed ahead of normal”, said David Knopf director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “By November 1, most of the corn was harvested and over three quarters of the soybeans had been combined.”

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 257 million bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and up 19 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 177 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month and up 2 bushels from the 2018 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 220,000 acres from 2018. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.7 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 5 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 167.0 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and down 9.4 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up slightly from 2018.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 84.5 million bushels, up 2 percent from the October forecast and down 14 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 50 bushels per acre, up 1 bushels from last month and down 1.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.69 million acres, down 240,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.55 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 20 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.9 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and down 3.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 75.6 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and down 14 percent from 2018.