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September 1 Kentucky Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 266 million bushels, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up 23 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 177 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from last month and up 2.0 bushels from the 2018 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.50 million acres, up 270,000 acres from 2018. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.8 billion bushels, down 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 168.2 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from last month and down 8.2 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.0 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but up slightly from 2018.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 89.6 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 13 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 53.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and up 1.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.69 million acres, down 300,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.63 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast and down 20 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.9 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushels from last month and down 3.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 75.9 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 14 percent from 2018.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is forecast at 81.7 million pounds, down 9 percent from the August forecast, but up 2 percent from 2018. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from last month and up 300 pounds from the 2018 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 43,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 96.0 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 50,600 acres, down 17 percent from 2018. Yields were expected to average 1,897 pounds per acre, up 252 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 28.8 million pounds, down 3 percent from the August forecast, but down 18 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 20.2 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast, but up 5 percent from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019 ²	2018	2019 ¹		2018	2019
						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	1,340	1,600	1,230	1,500	175.0	181.0	177.0	215,250	265,500
Soybeans ³	2,000	1,700	1,990	1,690	52.0	53.0	53.0	103,480	89,570
	<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	--	--	68,100	59,500	1,973	2,275	2,196	134,370	130,690
Burley	--	--	50,000	43,000	1,600	2,000	1,900	80,000	81,700
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	11,000	9,300	3,200	3,200	3,100	35,200	28,830
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	7,100	7,200	2,700	2,800	2,800	19,170	20,160
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	89,129	90,005	81,740	82,017	176.4	169.5	168.2	14,420,101	13,799,151
Soybeans ³	89,196	76,700	88,110	75,866	51.6	48.5	47.9	4,543,883	3,632,651
	<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	--	--	291,430	230,920	1,830	2,110	2,090	533,241	482,702
Burley	--	--	61,050	50,600	1,645	2,010	1,897	100,435	96,000
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	18,880	16,020	3,121	2,978	2,920	58,926	46,782
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	9,900	10,600	2,686	2,704	2,704	26,590	28,660

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