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USDA Continues to Forecast High Crop Yields

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its crop production report today from the November Agricultural Yield Survey conducted at the beginning of the month. Based on November 1 conditions, the report showed Kentucky’s average corn yield was forecast at 181 bushels per acre, and soybeans were expected to yield 55 bushels per acres. Both of these would be record high yields for the Commonwealth

“Corn harvest is nearing completion and soybean harvest is about two-thirds complete, so I expect these yields to hold up”, said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky.

“Throughout the growing season the crops have enjoyed favorable conditions. If the weather will cooperate to get the rest of the crop in the bin, I think producers will be very pleased.”

Corn production in Kentucky is forecast at 246 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast and up slightly from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 181 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and up 12 bushels from the 2019 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.36 million acres, down 90,000 acres from 2019. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 14.5 billion bushels, down 1% from the October forecast and up 7% from 2019. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 175.8 bushels per acre, down 2.6 bushels from last month and up 8.3 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 1% from 2019.

Soybean production for Kentucky is forecast at 101 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast and up 30% from 2019. Yield was estimated at 55 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and up 9.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.84 million acres, up 150,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.17 billion bushels, down 2% from the October forecast and up 17% from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.7 bushels per acre, down 1.2 bushels from last month and up 3.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.3 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 10% from 2019.