



NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
EASTERN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL FIELD OFFICE
601 WEST BROADWAY, SUITE 645
LOUISVILLE, KY 40202



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 25, 2021

Contact: David Knopf
(360) 265-8219

Union County Top Corn Producer, Henderson County Leads Soybeans

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the county estimates for corn and soybeans today from the 2020 production year. The two crops are significant to Kentucky agriculture, together bringing in \$1.6 billion in cash receipts in 2019.

“Growers are happy with corn and soybean production last year,” said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “Statewide, record high yields were set for both crops, 184 bushels per acre for corn and 55 bushels per acre for soybeans. Timely rainfall and overall good weather conditions contributed to the strong yields.”

Union County is the leading **corn** producing county in Kentucky for 2020, with production totaling 16,235,000 bushels, harvested from 79,000 acres. Christian, Henderson, Graves and Daviess counties rounded out the top 5. Combined, those five counties account for 28 percent of Kentucky’s corn production.

Warren County set a record high county yield of 210 bushels. It was one of four counties that had yields in excess of 200 bushels per acre. The top five counties for yield include:

Warren County – 210.2 bushels per acre
Union County – 205.5 bushels per acre
Daviess County – 203.5 bushels per acre
LaRue County – 201.1 bushels per acre
Butler County – 199.0 bushels per acre

Henderson County is the leading **soybean** producing county in Kentucky for 2020, with production totaling 5,363,000 bushels, harvested from 90,900 acres. Rounding out the top 5 are Daviess, Graves, Christian and Logan counties. The top five counties account for 23 percent of Kentucky’s soybean production.

Union County had the highest **soybean** yield at 63.9 bushels per acre, and a record high county yield. The top five counties for yield include:

Union County – 63.9 bushels per acre
Barren County – 60.9 bushels per acre
Webster County – 60.1 bushels per acre
Daviess County – 60.0 bushels per acre
Meade County – 59.9 bushels per acre

The complete listing of corn and soybean county estimates for each county is available online in the NASS QuickStats database: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Quick_Stats/Lite/. For more information, call the NASS Kentucky Field Office at (800) 928-5277.

###

NASS provides accurate, timely, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. We invite you to provide occasional feedback on our products and services. Sign up at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/subscriptions> and look for "NASS Data User Community."

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).