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Maryland August Crop Forecast

ANNAPOLIS, MD ---The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for August, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Maryland Field Office. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of July and the first week of August, included the following commodities:

Corn production is forecast at 61.1 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are forecast to average 165.0 bushels per acre, 10 bushels below the 2014 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 370 thousand acres, down 14 percent from 2014.

Soybeans production is forecast at 23.7 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 46.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 515 thousand acres, up 10 thousand acres from 2014.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 16.9 million bushels, is 3 percent below last year. The winter wheat yield as of August 1 is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from the July 1 forecast, but up 5 bushels per acre from 2014. The acres harvested is forecast at 260 thousand, 10 thousand acres above last year.

Barley production is forecast at 2.7 million bushels, down 21 percent from last year's production. Based on condition as of August 1, yield is forecast at 70 bushels per acre, down 3 bushel from the July 1 forecast and down 7 bushel from 2014. Barley acreage for harvest is forecast at 39 thousand acres, is 6 thousand acres below 2014.

Apple production is forecast at 43.0 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year's crop.

Peach production is forecast at 4,100 tons, up 8 percent from last year.

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