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MARYLAND OCTOBER CROP FORECAST

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

Corn: Production is forecast at 64.3 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record 181.0 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels per acre from the September forecast and up 6 bushels from the 2014 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 355 thousand acres, down 17 percent from 2014.

Soybean: Production is forecast at 22.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month and down 2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is at 505 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued November 10, 2015.

The complete Crop Production Report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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