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Maryland September Crop Forecast

ANNAPOLIS, MD ---The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for September, 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 August and the first week of September, included the following commodities:

Corn production is forecast at 63.6 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are forecast to average 172.0 bushels per acre, 3 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 September 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.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued October 9, 2015.

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