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Minnesota **corn** production is forecast at 1.43 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. If realized, production will be the largest on record, 4 percent above the previous high in 2012. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 184 bushels per acre, up 28 bushels per acre from last year and 1 bushel above the September forecast. If realized, the yield will also be the highest on record, 7 bushels above the previous record set in 2010. Acres harvested for grain remain unchanged at 7.75 million acres.

Soybean production is forecast at 364 million bushels. If realized, this will be the largest soybean production on record, 11 percent above the previous high set in 2010. The October 1 forecast yield is 48 bushels per acre, 6.5 bushels above 2014 and 1 bushel above the September forecast. If realized, yield will also be the highest on record, surpassing the previous record of 45.5 bushels per acre set in 2005. Area planted and harvested, at 7.65 million and 7.58 million acres, respectively, are down 50,000 acres from the September estimate.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** is forecast at 3.15 million tons, down 1 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.00 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.05 million acres, down 50,000 acres from 2014. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 1.64 million tons, up 27 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.00 tons per acre. Harvested area is forecast at 820,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2014.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 3.55 million cwt, up 23 percent from last year. An anticipated 182,000 acres will be harvested, with an expected yield of 1,950 pounds per acre. **Sugarbeet** production is forecast at 12.0 million tons, up 23 percent from 2014 and up 1 percent from the September forecast. Yield is forecast at 27.8 tons per acre, up 5.3 tons from 2014 and up 0.3 ton from the September forecast. Acres harvested remain unchanged at 431,000 acres. **Sunflower** production is forecast at 159 million pounds, up 81 percent from 2014. Yield is forecast at 1,700 pounds per acre, with an expected 93,500 acres harvested.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 10.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
MINNESOTA						
Canola.....(lb)	13.5	22.0	1,650	1,750	22,275	38,500
Corn.....(bu)	7,550	7,750	156.0	184.0	1,177,800	1,426,000
Dry Edible Beans ¹(cwt)	148	182	1,950	1,950	2,887	3,549
Hay, alfalfa.....(tons)	1,100	1,050	2.90	3.00	3,190	3,150
Hay, other.....(tons)	810	820	1.60	2.00	1,296	1,640
Soybeans.....(bu)	7,270	7,580	41.5	48.0	301,705	363,840
Sugarbeets.....(tons)	434	431	22.5	27.8	9,765	11,982
Sunflowers.....(lb)	59.5	93.5	1,477	1,700	87,870	158,950
UNITED STATES						
Canola.....(lb)	1,555.7	1,726.2	1,614	1,791	2,510,995	3,091,900
Corn.....(bu)	83,136	80,664	171.0	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Dry Edible Beans ¹(cwt)	1,665.7	1,706.2	1,753	1,648	29,206	28,113
Hay, alfalfa.....(tons)	18,445	18,337	3.33	3.45	61,446	63,214
Hay, other.....(tons)	38,647	38,202	2.03	2.07	78,352	79,187
Soybeans.....(bu)	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Sugarbeets.....(tons)	1,146.7	1,144.0	27.4	30.4	31,365	34,759
Sunflowers.....(lb)	1,507.6	1,784.4	1,469	1,629	2,214,835	2,907,350

¹ Yield in lb; production in cwt.

U.S. Corn Supply and Use

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ¹ Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	821	1,232	1,731
Production	13,829	14,216	13,555
Imports	36	32	30
Supply, total	14,686	15,479	15,316
Feed & Residual	5,040	5,317	5,275
Food, Seed & Industrial	6,493	6,566	6,630
Domestic, total	11,534	11,883	11,905
Exports	1,920	1,864	1,850
Use, total	13,454	13,748	13,755
Ending Stocks, total	1,232	1,731	1,561
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.46	3.70	3.50 - 4.10

¹ Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ¹ Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	141	92	191
Production	3,358	3,927	3,888
Imports	72	33	30
Supply, total	3,570	4,052	4,109
Crushings	1,734	1,875	1,880
Exports	1,638	1,843	1,675
Seed	97	97	92
Residual	10	46	38
Use, total	3,478	3,861	3,685
Ending stocks	92	191	425
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	13.00	10.10	8.40 - 9.90

¹ Preliminary

United States Summary

Corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 168.0 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from the September forecast but down 3.0 bushels from 2014. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.7 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from 2014. Acreage updates were made in several States following a thorough review of all available data.

Soybean production is forecast at 3.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.2 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last month but down 0.3 bushel from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 82.4 million acres, down 1 percent from September and down slightly from last year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.