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Minnesota **corn** production is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 191.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but a decrease of 3.0 bushels per acre from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 7.90 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the previous forecast. An estimated 7.45 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain, up 50,000 acres from the previous forecast.

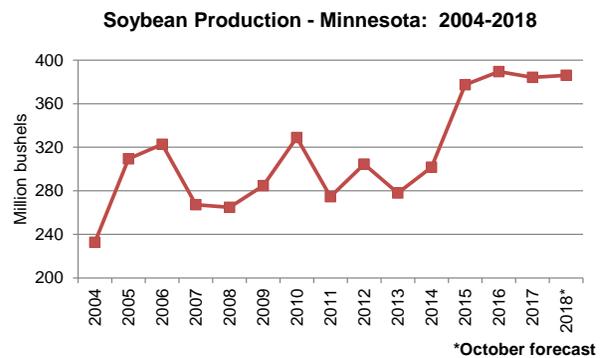
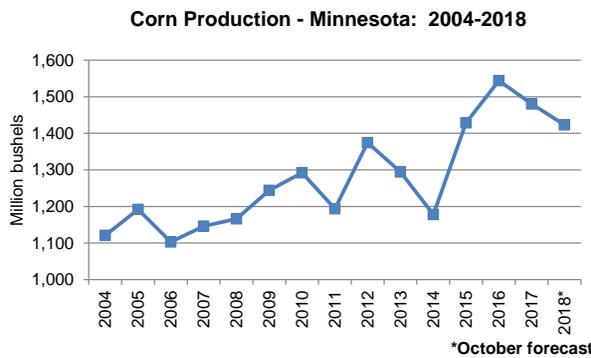
Soybean production is forecast at 386 million bushels, slightly above last year. The yield is forecast at 50.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but 2.5 bushels above 2017. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 7.80 million acres with 7.71 million acres to be harvested, down 30,000 acres harvested from the previous forecast.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay** is forecast at 3.20 million tons, up 10 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.60 tons per acre, up 0.25 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 890,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2017. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 918,000 tons, down 5 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 1.80 tons per acre. Harvested area is forecast at 510,000 acres, equal to last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 4.18 million cwt, up 17 percent from last year. An expected 167,000 acres will be harvested, with an expected yield of 2,500 pounds per acre. This is the highest yield and production on record. **Sugarbeet** production is estimated at 11.3 million tons, down 10 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 28.2 tons per acre, down 1.9 tons from the September forecast and down 2.4 tons from 2017. Acres expected to be harvested decreased 10,000 acres from last year to 399,000 acres. **Sunflower** production is forecast at 82.9 million pounds, up 26 percent from 2017. Yield is forecast at 1,657 pounds per acre, with an expected 50,000 acres harvested. **Canola** production is forecast at 81.4 million pounds, up 15 percent from 2017. Yield is forecast at 1,850 pounds per acre, with an expected 44,000 acres harvested.

The forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 8.

NOTE: Following a thorough review of all data, 2017 soybean yield and production have been revised. The 2017 yield, at 47.5 bushels per acre, is up 0.5 bushel from the previous estimate. Production has been revised to 384 million bushels, up 4.05 million bushels from the previous estimate. Updated 2017 district and county estimates will be available in February 2019.



Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2017 and Forecasted October 1, 2018

| Crop | Area Harvested | | Yield per acre | | Production | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2017 (1,000 acres) | 2018 (1,000 acres) | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 (1,000) | 2018 (1,000) |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | |
| Canola.....pounds | 34.5 | 44.0 | 2,050 | 1,850 | 70,725 | 81,400 |
| Corn.....bushels | 7,630 | 7,450 | 194.0 | 191.0 | 1,480,220 | 1,422,950 |
| Dry edible beans ¹cwt | 163.0 | 167.0 | 2,190 | 2,500 | 3,567 | 4,175 |
| Hay, alfalfa.....tons | 870 | 890 | 3.35 | 3.60 | 2,915 | 3,204 |
| Hay, other.....tons | 510 | 510 | 1.90 | 1.80 | 969 | 918 |
| Soybeans.....bushels | 8,090 | 7,710 | 47.5 | 50.0 | 384,275 | 385,500 |
| Sugarbeets.....tons | 409.0 | 399.0 | 30.6 | 28.2 | 12,515 | 11,252 |
| Sunflowers.....pounds | 36.3 | 50.0 | 1,814 | 1,657 | 65,835 | 82,850 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| Canola.....pounds | 2,002.0 | 1,941.1 | 1,558 | 1,864 | 3,118,680 | 3,619,020 |
| Corn.....bushels | 82,703 | 81,767 | 176.6 | 180.7 | 14,604,067 | 14,777,826 |
| Dry edible beans ¹cwt | 2,012.7 | 2,009.0 | 1,781 | 1,884 | 35,845 | 37,848 |
| Hay, alfalfa.....tons | 16,563 | 17,351 | 3.32 | 3.43 | 55,068 | 59,527 |
| Hay, other.....tons | 37,221 | 37,717 | 2.05 | 1.98 | 76,387 | 74,857 |
| Soybeans.....bushels | 89,522 | 88,348 | 49.3 | 53.1 | 4,410,673 | 4,689,628 |
| Sugarbeets.....tons | 1,114.1 | 1,098.8 | 31.7 | 32.0 | 35,325 | 35,215 |
| Sunflowers.....pounds | 1,333.8 | 1,240.0 | 1,616 | 1,560 | 2,155,262 | 1,934,980 |

¹Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight.

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

| CORN | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 (Est.) | 2018-2019 ² Projections October |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | <i>(million bushels)</i> | <i>(million bushels)</i> | <i>(million bushels)</i> |
| Beginning stocks | 1,737 | 2,293 | 2,140 |
| Production | 15,148 | 14,604 | 14,778 |
| Imports | 57 | 36 | 50 |
| Supply, total | 16,942 | 16,934 | 16,968 |
| Feed & residual | 5,470 | 5,302 | 5,550 |
| Food, seed & industrial | 6,885 | 7,054 | 7,130 |
| Domestic, total | 12,355 | 12,355 | 12,680 |
| Exports | 2,294 | 2,438 | 2,475 |
| Use, total | 14,649 | 14,793 | 15,155 |
| Ending stocks | 2,293 | 2,140 | 1,813 |
| Avg. Farm price (\$/bu) | 3.36 | 3.36 | 3.00 - 4.00 |

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

² Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

| SOYBEANS | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 (Est.) | 2018-2019 ² Projections October |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | <i>(million bushels)</i> | <i>(million bushels)</i> | <i>(million bushels)</i> |
| Beginning stocks | 197 | 302 | 438 |
| Production | 4,296 | 4,411 | 4,690 |
| Imports | 22 | 22 | 25 |
| Supply, total | 4,515 | 4,734 | 5,153 |
| Crushings | 1,901 | 2,055 | 2,070 |
| Exports | 2,166 | 2,129 | 2,060 |
| Seed | 105 | 104 | 103 |
| Residual | 41 | 8 | 34 |
| Use, total | 4,214 | 4,296 | 4,268 |
| Ending stocks | 302 | 438 | 885 |
| Avg. Farm price (\$/bu) | 9.47 | 9.33 | 7.35 - 9.85 |

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

² Preliminary

U.S. Wheat Supply and Use ¹

| WHEAT | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 (Est.) | 2018-2019 ² Projections October |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | <i>(million bushels)</i> | <i>(million bushels)</i> | <i>(million bushels)</i> |
| Beginning stocks | 976 | 1,181 | 1,099 |
| Production | 2,309 | 1,740 | 1,884 |
| Imports | 118 | 157 | 140 |
| Supply, total | 3,402 | 3,078 | 3,123 |
| Food | 949 | 964 | 970 |
| Seed | 61 | 63 | 62 |
| Feed & residual | 161 | 50 | 110 |
| Domestic, total | 1,171 | 1,078 | 1,142 |
| Exports | 1,051 | 901 | 1,025 |
| Use, total | 2,222 | 1,979 | 2,167 |
| Ending stocks | 1,181 | 1,099 | 956 |
| Avg. Farm price (\$/bu) | 3.89 | 4.72 | 4.80 - 5.40 |

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
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² Preliminary

United States Summary

Corn production is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, down slightly from the September forecast but up 1 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 180.7 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the September forecast but up 4.1 bushels from 2017. If realized, this will be the highest yield and second highest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, down slightly from the previous estimate and down 1 percent from 2017. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.69 billion bushels, down slightly from September but up 6 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 53.1 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 3.8 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 88.3 million acres, down 1 percent from September and down 1 percent from 2017. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.