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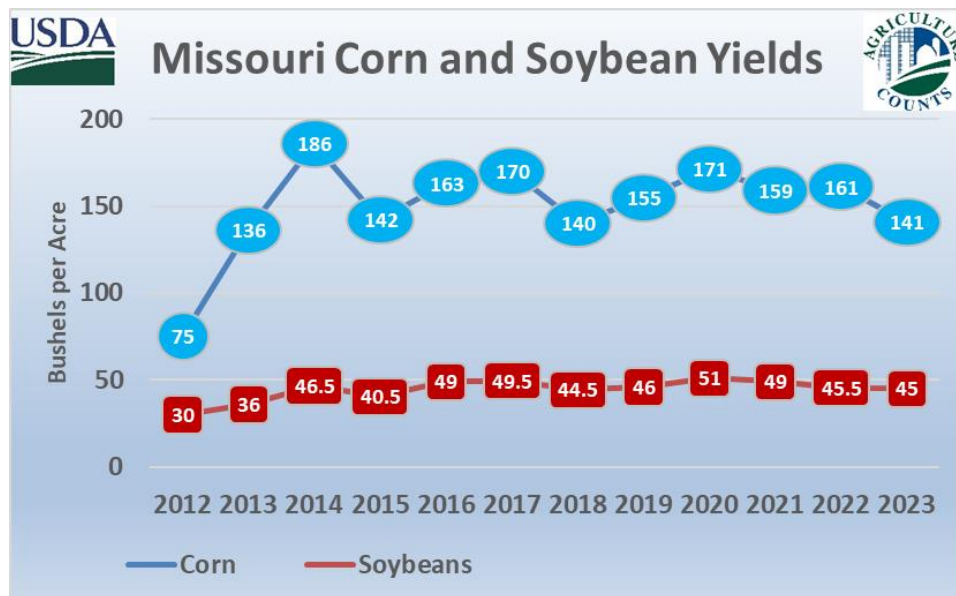


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USDA TO FORECAST CROP YIELDS

St. Louis, Missouri –Beginning in late October, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey farmers across the U.S. asking for the yield of harvested crops or expected yield for their crops not yet harvested. On November 9th, NASS will publish estimates based on these surveys for each crop in each state, along with national estimates. This is the fourth in a series of four monthly surveys.



“USDA-NASS monthly crop forecasts are used by famers, policy makers, researchers and businesses that use grains,” said Brad Summa, Heartland Regional Field Office Director. “NASS relies on Missouri farmers to provide the data needed to make those

forecasts.” NASS encourages farmers to respond online, at agcounts.usda.gov, or by mail. Prompt response helps reduce costs. “Providing timely and accurate agricultural information helps both grain producers and users,” added Summa.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Results will be published in the Crop Production Report, released November 9th, available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or nassrfohrl@usda.gov.

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