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New Jersey August Crop Forecast

TRENTON, NJ --- The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for August, according to Bruce Eklund, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New Jersey Field Office. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of July and the first week of August, included the following commodities:

Corn production is forecast at 11.1 million bushels. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are forecast to average 154.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 72 thousand acres.

Soybeans production is forecast at 4.33 million bushels. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 42.0 bushels per acre. Area for harvest is forecast at 103 thousand acres, unchanged from 2014.

Potato production is forecast at 500 thousand cwt. Average yield is forecast at 250 cwt per acre. Harvested area is estimated at 2,000 acres, slightly above last year.

Apple production is forecast at 38.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year's crop.

Peach production is forecast at 24 thousand tons, up 7 percent from 2014.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued September 11, 2015.

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