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New York August Crop Forecast

ALBANY, NY --- The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for August, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New York 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 99.2 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are forecast to average 148.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the 2014 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 670 thousand acres, down 1 percent from 2014.

Oat production is forecast at 3.20 million bushels, 27 percent above 2014. Based on crop conditions as of August 1, the oat yield is forecast at 64 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the July 1 forecast, but up 1 bushel per acre from last year's final yield. The acreage for harvest is forecast at 50 thousand acres, up 25 percent from a year ago.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 7.43 million bushels, 24 percent above 2014. The winter wheat yield as of August 1 is forecast at 63 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the July 1 forecast, but unchanged from 2014. The acres harvested is forecast at 118 thousand, which is 23 thousand acres above last year.

Alfalfa production is forecast at 972 thousand tons, up 29 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.70 tons, up 0.10 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 360 thousand acres, up 24 percent from 2014.

All other hay production is forecast at 1.91 million tons, down 2 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.06 million acres, down 2 percent 2014.

Soybeans production is forecast at 14.9 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 47.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 317 thousand acres, down 10 thousand acres from 2014.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 152 thousand cwt, up 32 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 8 thousand acres, unchanged from 2014. The average yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds, up 410 pounds from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 8 thousand acres, up 4 percent from the previous year.

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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