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New York October Crop Forecast

ALBANY, NY --- The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for October, 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 September and the first week of October, included the following commodities:

Corn production is forecast at 96.2 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 148.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast and unchanged from the 2014 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 650 thousand acres, down 4 percent from 2014.

Soybean production is forecast at 13.9 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 1.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 302 thousand acres, down 25 thousand acres from 2014.

Alfalfa hay and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 900 thousand tons, up 19 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 2.50 tons per acre, down 0.10 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 360 thousand acres, up 24 percent from last year.

Other hay production is forecast at 1.70 million tons, down 13 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.60 tons per acre, down 0.20 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.06 million acres, down 2 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 November 10, 2015.

The complete Crop Production Report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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