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New York October Crop Forecast

ALBANY, NY --- The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for October, according to Donnie Fike, 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 86.8 million bushels, up 1% from 2019. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 167.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the September forecast but up 9 bushels from the 2019 average. If this forecasted yield is realized, it will be a record high yield for New York. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 520 thousand acres, down 5% from 2019.

Soybean production is forecast at 15.0 million bushels, up 39% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and up 2.0 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 300 thousand acres, up 75 thousand acres from 2019.

Alfalfa hay and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 560 thousand tons, down 78 thousand from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 2.00 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 280 thousand acres, down 10 thousand acres from last year.

Other hay production is forecast at 1.20 million tons, down 25% from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.50 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 800 thousand acres, down 10% from 2019.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued November 10, 2020.

*For the complete "Crop Production" report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/tm70mv177>*

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