



News Release

Ohio October Crop Production

Ohio producers continue to expect a record soybean harvest this year, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. The October Crop Report is based upon conditions as of October 1, 2016. Some highlights of the report are as follows:

- Ohio corn yield is up 7 bushels from last year's report to 160 bushels per acre. Total production is expected to be 526 million bushels, up 5.5 percent from 2015. Four to five inches of rain fell over major corn regions of Ohio in September. About 10 percent of corn for grain was harvested by October 1; seventy percent of acres had reached maturity, about one week ahead of the 5 year mean.
- Ohio soybean production is expected to total 257 million bushels, a state record. The yield is forecast at 53 bushels per acre, also a state record. Warm temperatures and steady precipitation throughout September helped the soybean crop mature slightly ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest began towards the end of the month, but rain during the final week of September kept growers out of their fields, and put them behind the 5-year average for harvest progress.
- Ohio's alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.20 tons per acre, up 0.30 tons from last year. Ohio's other hay yield is forecast at 2.50 tons per acre, up 0.40 tons from last year. Dry weather conditions favored cutting and baling of hay but did little for re-growth and yields. The end of September brought a few rain showers which prevented harvest in some areas. As of October 2, fourth cutting of alfalfa was 82 percent, and other hay third cutting was 90 percent.
- United States corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year but down slightly from the September forecast. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 173.4 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the September forecast but up 5 bushels from 2015. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.8 million acres, up slightly from the September forecast and up 8 percent from 2015.
- Nationally, soybean production is forecast at a record 4.27 billion bushels, up 2 percent from September and up 9 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month and up 3.4 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.0 million acres, up slightly from September and up 2 percent from 2015.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	3,700	3,550	3,550	90,597	87,999	94,490
Corn, grain						
Harvested 1,000 acres	3,470	3,260	3,290	83,136	80,749	86,836
Yield Bushels	176.0	153.0	160.0	171.0	168.4	173.4
Production 1,000 bu	610,720	498,780	526,400	14,215,532	13,601,198	15,057,404
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested 1,000 acres	310	330	390	18,395	17,778	18,065
Yield Tons	3.50	2.90	3.20	3.34	3.32	3.48
Production 1,000 tons	1,085	957	1,248	61,451	58,974	62,817
Hay, other						
Harvested 1,000 acres	650	750	740	38,667	36,659	38,062
Yield Tons	2.50	2.10	2.50	2.03	2.06	2.07
Production 1,000 tons	1,625	1,575	1,850	78,472	75,414	78,756
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	4,700	4,750	4,850	83,276	82,650	83,698
Harvested 1,000 acres	4,690	4,740	4,840	82,591	81,732	83,047
Yield Bushels	52.5	50.0	53.0	47.5	48.0	51.4
Production 1,000 bu	246,225	237,000	256,520	3,927,090	3,926,339	4,268,884

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