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## USDA Forecasts Record High Soybean and Tobacco Yields for Pennsylvania

**HARRISBURG, PA** --- The USDA-NASS, Northeastern Region has released the crop production forecast for October, according to King Whetstone, director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeastern Regional 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 157 million bushels, down 3% from 2019. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 157.0 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the September forecast and up 4 bushels from the 2019 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 1.00 million acres, down 6% from 2019.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 29.6 million bushels, down 1% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 49.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and unchanged from last year. If realized, the forecasted yield will be a record high. Area for harvest is forecast at 605 thousand acres, down 5 thousand acres from 2019.

**Alfalfa hay and alfalfa mixtures** production is forecast at 915 thousand tons, up 5% from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.10 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 295 thousand acres, up 2% from last year.

**Other hay** production is forecast at 1.62 million tons, down 23% from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, down 0.50 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 900 thousand acres, down 2% from 2019.

**Tobacco** production is forecast at 12.7 million pounds, down 12% from 2019. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average a record high 2,582 pounds, up 73 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 4,900 acres, down 800 acres 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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