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USDA forecasts record high corn, 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 147 million bushels, up 7% from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 169.0 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the September forecast and up 31 bushels from the 2020 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 870 thousand acres, down 13% from 2020.

Soybean production is forecast at 29.6 million bushels, up 2% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 52.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 6 bushels from last year. If realized, the forecasted yield will be a record high. Area for harvest is forecast at 570 thousand acres, down 10% from 2020.

Alfalfa hay and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 1.05 million tons, down 11% from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.00 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 350 thousand acres, down 11% from last year.

Other hay production is forecast at 2.06 million tons, down 2% from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.40 tons per acre, up 0.20 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 860 thousand acres, down 10% from 2020.

Tobacco production is forecast at 14.2 million pounds, up 6% from 2020. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average a record high 2,584 pounds, up 140 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 5,500 acres, unchanged from 2020.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued November 9, 2021.

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

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