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USDA forecasts lower production for corn and soybeans in 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 126 million bushels, down 25% from 2021. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 148.0 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the September forecast and down 21 bushels from the 2021 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 850 thousand acres, down 14% from 2021.

Soybean production is forecast at 26.9 million bushels, down 15% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.0 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month but down 7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 585 thousand acres, down 2% from 2021.

Alfalfa hay and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 1.28 million tons, up 38% from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.20 tons per acre, 0.3 ton above last year. Harvested area is forecast at 400 thousand acres, up 25% from last year.

Other hay production is forecast at 2.50 million tons, up 13% from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.50 tons per acre, up 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.00 million acres, up 11% from 2021.

Tobacco production is forecast at 13.1 million pounds, down 7% from 2021. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 2,462 pounds, down 159 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 5,300 acres, down 1% from 2021.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued November 9, 2022.

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

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

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