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## Pennsylvania August Crop Forecast

**HARRISBURG, PA ---** The USDA-NASS, Northeastern Region has released the crop production forecast for August, 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 July and the first week of August, included the following commodities:

**Corn** production is forecast at 148.5 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are forecast to average 150.0 bushels per acre, 4 bushels below the 2014 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 990 thousand acres, down 4 percent from 2014.

**Barley** production is forecast at 3.15 million bushels, 11 percent below last year's production. Based on condition as of August 1, yield is forecast at 70 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the July 1 forecast and down 1 bushel from 2014. Barley acreage for harvest is forecast at 45 thousand acres, is 5 thousand acres below 2014.

**Oat** production is forecast at 3.36 million bushels, 3 percent below last year. Based on crop conditions as of August 1, the oat yield is forecast at 56 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast, but down 2 bushels per acre from last year's final yield. The acreage for harvest is forecast at 60 thousand bushels, is unchanged from a year ago.

**Winter wheat** production is forecast at 10.7 million bushels, is 10 percent above last year. The winter wheat yield as of August 1 is forecast at 63 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July 1 forecast, but down 2 bushels per acre from 2014. The acres harvested is forecast at 170 thousand, 20 thousand acres above last year.

**Alfalfa** production is forecast at 1.15 million tons, up 18 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.20 tons, up 0.40 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 360 thousand acres, up 3 percent from 2014.

**All other hay** production is forecast at 2.63 million tons, up 19 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.50 tons per acre, up 0.40 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.05 million acres, unchanged from 2014.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 30.8 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 47.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 655 thousand acres, up 50 thousand acres from 2014.

**Tobacco** production is forecast at 20.5 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2014. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 2,354 pounds, down 91 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 8,700 acres, down 400 acres from 2014.

Production forecasts are released on a monthly basis and do not reflect final production estimates. The next production forecast will be issued September 11, 2015.

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