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PENNSYLVANIA OCTOBER CROP FORECAST

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 143.8 million bushels, down 9 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the September forecast but down 1 bushel from the 2014 average. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 940 thousand acres, down 9 percent from 2014.

Soybean production is forecast at 27.4 million bushels, down slightly from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 46.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 3.0 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 595 thousand acres, up 30 thousand acres from 2014.

Alfalfa hay and alfalfa mixtures production is forecast at 972 thousand tons, down 1 percent from the 2014 forecast. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 2.70 tons per acre, down 0.10 tons last year. Harvested area is forecast at 360 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Other hay production is forecast at 2.52 million tons, up 14 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.40 ton per acre, up 0.30 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.05 million acres, unchanged from 2014.

Tobacco production is forecast at 18.9 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2014. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 2,390 pounds, down 55 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 7,900 acres, down 1,200 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 November 10, 2015.

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

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