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Pennsylvania September Crop Forecast

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

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

Soybean production is forecast at 30.1 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 46.0 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushel from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 655 thousand acres, up 50 thousand acres from 2014.

Tobacco production is forecast at 20.1 million pounds, down 10 percent from 2014. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast to average 2,417 pounds, down 28 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 8,300 acres, down 800 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 October 9, 2015.

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