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Nationally, corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the August forecast and down 3.5 bushels from 2014. Soybean production is forecast at 3.94 billion bushels, up slightly from August but down 1 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushel from last month but down 0.7 bushel from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from the August forecast but down 18 percent from 2014. Yield is expected to average 789 pounds per harvested acre, down 6 percent from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the September Crop Production

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 34.6 million bushels, down 24 percent from 2014. Cotton acreage is revised up to 315,000 planted and 312,000 harvested with production forecasted at 560,000 bales, down 14 percent from 2014. Peanut acreage is revised down to 200,000 planted and 197,000 harvested with production forecasted at 709 million pounds, up 28 percent from 2014. Soybean production at 19.7 million bushels is up 4 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton acreage is unchanged at 85,000 planted and 83,000 harvested with production forecasted at 130,000 bales, down 32 percent from 2014. Peanut acreage is revised up to 185,000 planted and 172,000 harvested with production forecasted at 619 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2014.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 48.8 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2014. If realized, yield at 184 bushels per acre will be a record high. Cotton acreage is revised up to 1,120,000 planted and 1,110,000 harvested with production forecasted at 2,200,000 bales, down 14 percent from 2014. Peanut acreage is revised down to 790,000 planted and 780,000 harvested with production forecasted at 3.43 billion pounds, up 42 percent from 2014. Soybeans production at 15.2 million bushels is up 31 percent from last year. If realized, yield at 44 bushels per acre will be a record high.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at 27.8 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2014. Cotton acreage is revised down to 235,000 planted and 232,000 harvested with production at 420,000 bales, down 20 percent from 2014. Peanut acreage is revised down to 113,000 planted and 108,000 harvested with production forecasted at 367.2 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2014. If realized, this will be a record high planted acres. Soybeans production at 11.9 million bushels is down 23 percent from last year.

Spring Onion Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, Production, and Total Value — State and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

[Primarily fresh market]

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Georgia.....	12,000	12,300	11,000	11,200	235	240	2,585	2,688
United States	30,400	29,200	26,800	21,900	295	297	7,917	6,503

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables*, September 2015

Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — State and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

[Includes fresh market and processing]

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Florida.....	10,900	10,900	190	200	2,071	2,180
Three state total ¹	54,100	52,800	551	588	29,803	31,050

¹ States represented are California, Florida, and Oregon. All states will be published in the *Vegetables 2015 Summary*, January 2016
 Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables*, September 2015

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹ (bushels)									
Alabama.....	300	280	285	260	159.0	138.0	133.0	45,315	34,580
Florida ²	75	70	40	35	135.0			5,400	
Georgia.....	350	315	310	265	170.0	180.0	184.0	52,700	48,760
South Carolina.....	295	275	280	260	117.0	113.0	107.0	32,760	27,820
United States.....	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	167.5	14,215,532	13,584,945
Cotton, all³ (bales)									
Alabama.....	350.0	315.0	348.0	312.0	901	805	862	653.0	560.0
Florida.....	107.0	85.0	105.0	83.0	878	839	752	192.0	130.0
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,120.0	1,370.0	1,110.0	900	925	951	2,570.0	2,200.0
South Carolina.....	280.0	235.0	278.0	232.0	912	851	869	528.0	420.0
United States.....	11,037.4	8,555.5	9,346.8	8,166.3	838	795	789	16,319.4	13,428.0
Peanuts..... (pounds)									
Alabama.....	175.0	200.0	173.0	197.0	3,200	3,500	3,600	553,600	709,200
Florida.....	175.0	185.0	167.0	172.0	4,000	3,700	3,600	668,000	619,200
Georgia.....	600.0	790.0	591.0	780.0	4,100	4,200	4,400	2,423,100	3,432,000
South Carolina.....	112.0	113.0	108.0	108.0	3,800	3,400	3,400	410,400	367,200
United States.....	1,354.0	1,620.0	1,325.0	1,582.0	3,932	3,950	3,996	5,210,100	6,321,400
Soybeans..... (bushels)									
Alabama.....	485	490	475	480	40.0	40.0	41.0	19,000	19,680
Florida ²	39	35	37	33	43.0			1,591	
Georgia.....	300	360	290	345	40.0	42.0	44.0	11,600	15,180
South Carolina.....	450	420	440	410	35.0	27.0	29.0	15,400	11,890
United States.....	83,701	84,339	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	47.1	3,968,823	3,935,277
Sugarcane⁴ (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	408.0	414.0	38.6	38.0	38.8	15,738	16,063
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	870.3	880.7	35.0	35.9	35.4	30,424	31,197
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.0	13.0	2,300	2,250	2,250	34,500	29,250
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	15.8	14.3	2,100	1,900	2,100	33,180	30,030
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	378.4	332.1	2,316	2,158	2,136	876,415	709,389

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2015 Summary*, released January 2016.

³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

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