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Nationally, corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 174.4 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from the August forecast but up 6 bushels from 2015. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.20 billion bushels, up 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 50.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from last month and up 2.6 bushels from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 16.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2 percent from August and up 25 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 802 pounds per harvested acre, up 36 pounds from last year.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the September Crop Production

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 38.4 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2015. Cotton acreage is revised up to 345,000 planted and 342,000 harvested with production forecasted at 690,000 bales, up 25 percent from 2015. If realized, this will be a record high yield of 968 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage remains unchanged at 175,000 acres with production forecasted at 675 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2015. Soybean production at 17.6 million bushels is down 13 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton acreage is revised up to 102,000 planted and 100,000 harvested with production forecasted at 180,000 bales, up 18 percent from 2015. Peanut acreage is revised up to 155,000 planted and 146,000 harvested with production forecasted at 569 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2015. Sugarcane production is forecast at 17.5 million tons, down 1 percent from 2015. Strawberry production is forecast at 2.40 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 62.1 million bushels, up 27 percent from 2015. Cotton acreage is revised down to 1,190,000 planted and 1,180,000 harvested with production forecasted at 2.40 million bales, up 6 percent from 2015. Peanut acreage is revised down to 720,000 planted and 710,000 harvested with production forecasted at 3.27 billion pounds, down 6 percent from 2015. Soybeans production at 9.95 million bushels is down 27 percent from last year. Spring onion production is forecast at 2.96 million cwt, up 10 percent from 2015.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at 42.9 million bushels, up 77 percent from 2015. If realized, this will be a record high yield of 130 bushels per acre. Cotton acreage is revised up to 190,000 planted and 189,000 harvested with production at 370,000 bales, a 139 percent increase from last year. Peanut acreage is revised down to 110,000 planted and 106,000 harvested with production forecasted at 382 million pounds, a 45 percent increase from 2015. Soybeans production at 14.0 million bushels, a 43 percent increase from last year. Tobacco harvested acreage revised to 13,500.

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State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Georgia.....	12,300	12,400	11,200	11,400	240	260	2,688	2,964
United States	143,900	139,500	132,900	134,100	507	544	67,380	73,003

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables*, August 2016

Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, and Production — State and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

[Includes fresh market and processing]

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Florida.....	10,900	10,900	225	220	2,442	2,398
United States	58,010	53,300	532	541	30,867	28,853

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables*, August 2016

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted 2016

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016		2015	2016
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹ (bushels)									
Alabama.....	260	330	245	310	147.0	130.0	124.0	36,015	38,440
Florida ²	80	80	50	45	141.0			7,050	
Georgia.....	330	400	285	355	171.0	178.0	175.0	48,735	62,125
South Carolina.....	295	350	260	330	93.0	132.0	130.0	24,180	42,900
United States.....	87,999	94,148	80,749	86,550	168.4	175.1	174.4	13,601,198	15,092,908
Cotton, all³ (bales)									
Alabama.....	315.0	345.0	307.0	342.0	866	969	968	554.0	690.0
Florida.....	85.0	102.0	83.0	100.0	885	882	864	153.0	180.0
Georgia.....	1,130.0	1,190.0	1,120.0	1,180.0	966	967	976	2,255.0	2,400.0
South Carolina.....	235.0	190.0	136.0	189.0	547	912	940	155.0	370.0
United States.....	8,580.5	10,145.0	8,074.9	9,655.4	766	800	802	12,888.0	16,142.0
Peanuts..... (pounds)									
Alabama.....	200.0	175.0	197.0	173.0	3,350	3,600	3,900	659,950	674,700
Florida.....	190.0	155.0	180.0	146.0	3,650	3,600	3,900	657,000	569,400
Georgia.....	785.0	720.0	777.0	710.0	4,470	4,500	4,600	3,473,190	3,266,000
South Carolina.....	112.0	110.0	82.0	106.0	3,200	3,600	3,600	262,400	381,600
United States.....	1,625.0	1,672.0	1,567.0	1,587.0	3,963	3,990	4,044	6,210,590	6,417,800
Soybeans..... (bushels)									
Alabama.....	500	460	490	450	41.0	39.0	39.0	20,090	17,550
Florida ²	33	30	31	28	38.0			1,178	
Georgia.....	325	265	315	255	43.0	40.0	39.0	13,545	9,945
South Carolina.....	475	435	370	425	26.5	33.0	33.0	9,805	14,025
United States.....	82,650	83,688	81,814	83,037	48.0	48.9	50.6	3,929,160	4,200,985
Sugarcane⁴ (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	424.0	425.0	41.7	39.2	41.2	17,664	17,510
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	887.3	919.9	36.4	36.0	37.0	32,275	34,039
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.5	13.5	2,400	2,200	2,200	32,400	29,700
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	13.5	2,000	2,300	2,300	26,000	31,050
United States.....	(NA)	(NA)	328.7	318.2	2,178	2,184	2,159	715,946	686,910

(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 2016 Summary*, released January 2017.

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

⁴ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, September 2016