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**August Crop Production**



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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2020 August Agricultural Yield Survey**. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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Corn for grain production in the United States is forecast at a record high 15.3 billion bushels, up 12 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 181.8 bushels per acre. Soybean production is forecast at 4.42 billion bushels, up 25 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 18.1 million 480-pound bales, down 9 percent from 2019.

**Key findings for the Southern Region from the August Crop Production include:**

**Alabama:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 58.6 million bushels, up 31 percent from 2019. Yield is forecast at 165 bushels per acre, up 18 bushels. Cotton production at 950,000 bales is down 8 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 685 million pounds, up 29 percent from 2019. Yield is forecast at a record high 4,100 pounds per acre, up 750 pounds. Soybean production, at 12.5 million bushels, is up 34 percent. Yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year.

**Florida:** Cotton production forecast, at 165,000 bales, is down 20 percent from 2019. Yield is forecast at 852 pounds per acre, down 43 pounds. Peanut production is forecast at 656 million pounds, up 11 percent. Yield is forecast at a record high 4,100 pounds per acre, up 300 pounds. Sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 18.0 million tons, up 2 percent from 2019.

**Georgia:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 62.4 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2019. Yield is forecast at a record high 181 bushels per acre, a 21 bushel increase. Cotton production, at 2.55 million bales, is down 7 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 3.22 billion pounds, up 16 percent from 2019. Yield is forecast at a record high 4,600 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds. Soybean production, at 3.11 million bushels, is up 15 percent. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from last year. Tobacco production is forecast at 15.8 million pounds, the lowest production since 1932. Peach production is forecast at 28,000 tons, down 28 percent from 2019.

**South Carolina:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 49.0 million bushels, up 32 percent from 2019. Yield is tied for a record high 136 bushels per acre, an increase of 30 bushels from last year. Cotton production, at 320,000 bales, is down 36 percent. Peanut production is forecast at 274 million pounds, up 16 percent from 2019. Soybeans production, at 11.2 million bushels, is up 35 percent. Yield is forecast at 32 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last year. Tobacco production, at 9.0 million pounds, is the lowest since 1906 and the yield, at 1,500 pounds per acre, is the lowest since 1954. Peach production is forecast at 80,000 tons, up 7 percent from 2019.

**Peach Production – States and United States: 2019 and Forecasted August 1, 2020**

[Current year estimates are for the full 2020 crop year]

State	Total production	
	2019 (tons)	2020 (tons)
Georgia .....	39,100	28,000
South Carolina.....	75,000	80,000
United States.....	681,600	645,500

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, August 2020

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2019 and Forecasted August 1, 2020**

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Corn<sup>1</sup> ..... (bushels)</b>								
Alabama.....	320	370	305	355	147.0	165.0	44,835	58,575
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	90	80	54	45	161.0		8,694	
Georgia.....	395	390	350	345	160.0	181.0	56,000	62,445
South Carolina.....	380	390	350	360	106.0	136.0	37,100	48,960
United States .....	89,700	92,006	81,322	84,023	167.4	181.8	13,617,261	15,278,202
<b>Cotton, all<sup>3</sup> ..... (bales)</b>								
Alabama.....	540.0	470.0	532.0	465.0	928	981	1,028.0	950.0
Florida.....	112.0	95.0	110.0	93.0	895	852	205.0	165.0
Georgia.....	1,400.0	1,230.0	1,380.0	1,220.0	953	1,003	2,740.0	2,550.0
South Carolina.....	300.0	190.0	295.0	185.0	809	830	497.0	320.0
United States .....	13,735.7	12,185.0	11,612.5	9,246.9	823	938	19,912.5	18,079.5
<b>Hay, all other ..... (tons)</b>								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	700	720	2.50	2.70	1,750	1,944
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	270	270	2.90		783	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	560	610	2.75	2.80	1,540	1,708
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	270	260	2.10		567	
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	35,682	36,029	2.07	2.04	73,989	73,590
<b>Peanuts ..... (pounds)</b>								
Alabama.....	160.0	170.0	158.0	167.0	3,350	4,100	529,300	684,700
Florida.....	165.0	170.0	155.0	160.0	3,800	4,100	589,000	656,000
Georgia.....	670.0	710.0	660.0	700.0	4,200	4,600	2,772,000	3,220,000
South Carolina.....	65.0	75.0	62.0	72.0	3,800	3,800	235,600	273,600
United States .....	1,427.7	1,514.0	1,391.7	1,473.0	3,949	4,218	5,496,087	6,213,200
<b>Soybeans..... (bushels)</b>								
Alabama.....	265	310	260	305	36.0	41.0	9,360	12,505
Georgia.....	100	90	93	84	29.0	37.0	2,697	3,108
South Carolina.....	335	370	320	350	26.0	32.0	8,320	11,200
United States .....	76,100	83,825	74,951	83,020	47.4	53.3	3,552,241	4,424,800
<b>Sugarcane<sup>4</sup> ..... (tons)</b>								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	410.7	408.0	43.0	44.1	17,644	17,993
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	913.2	924.4	35.0	36.2	31,937	33,478
<b>Tobacco..... (pounds)</b>								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	9.0	7.2	2,100	2,200	18,900	15,840
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	8.3	6.0	1,900	1,500	15,770	9,000
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	227.1	196.8	2,060	1,892	467,956	372,340

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

<sup>2</sup> Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the [Crop Production 2020 Summary](#), released January 2021.

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

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), August 2020