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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2023 September Agricultural Yield and Cotton Objective Yield surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to the cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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United States: Corn production for grain in the United States is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 173.8 bushels per harvested acre. Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.15 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the previous forecast and down 3 percent from 2022. All cotton production in the United States is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, with an expected yield of 786 pounds per harvested acre. Peanut production is forecast at 6.32 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 14 percent from 2022.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the September Crop Production report

Alabama: Corn acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 345,000 acres planted and 335,000 acres harvested for grain. Production is forecast at 55.6 million bushels, down slightly from last month, but up 63 percent from 2022. Cotton production is forecast at 680,000 bales, down 4 percent from last month and down 18 percent from 2022. Peanut acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 175,000 acres planted with production forecast at 568 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2022. Soybean acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 350,000 acres planted with production forecast at 14.8 million bushels, down 11 percent from last month, but up 2 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 89,000 acres planted with production forecast at 100,000 bales, down 35 percent from last month and down 39 percent from 2022. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 160,000 acres planted. Production is forecast at 483 million pounds, down 23 percent from last month and down 13 percent from 2022. Sugarcane production is forecast at 18.1 million tons, up 1 percent from 2022.

Georgia: Corn acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 500,000 acres planted and 450,000 acres harvested for grain. Production is forecast at 79.7 million bushels, up 6 percent from last month, and up 18 percent from 2022. Cotton acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 1.11 million acres planted with production forecast at 2.30 million bales, down 13 percent from last year. Peanut acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 775,000 acres planted. Production is forecast at 3.31 billion pounds, up 15 percent from a year ago. Soybean acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 160,000 acres planted and 155,000 acres harvested for beans. Production is forecast at 6.51 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2022. Tobacco production is forecast at 12.6 million pounds, down 11 percent from last month and unchanged from 2022.

South Carolina: Corn acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 375,000 acres planted and 355,000 acres harvested for grain. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 142 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be a new state record yield per acre. Production is forecast at 50.4 million bushels, up 38 percent from 2022. Cotton acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 210,000 acres planted with production forecast at 330,000 bales, down 15 percent from last month and down 35 percent from last year. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 76,000 planted acres. Peanut production is forecast at 292 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2022. Soybean acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 395,000 acres planted with production forecast at 13.7 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year. Tobacco production, at 12.2 million pounds, is up 5 percent from last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2022 and Forecasted 2023

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹(bushels)									
Alabama.....	300	345	290	335	118.0	159.0	166.0	34,220	55,610
Florida ²	85	100	56	60	164.0			9,184	
Georgia.....	425	500	385	450	175.0	174.0	177.0	67,375	79,650
South Carolina	320	375	300	355	122.0	138.0	142.0	36,600	50,410
United States	88,579	94,868	79,207	87,096	173.3	175.1	173.8	13,729,719	15,133,911
Cotton, all ³ . (bales)									
Alabama.....	435.0	380.0	430.0	375.0	930	902	870	833.0	680.0
Florida.....	106.0	89.0	103.0	87.0	769	845	552	165.0	100.0
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,110.0	1,270.0	1,100.0	1,002	1,029	1,004	2,650.0	2,300.0
South Carolina	270.0	210.0	266.0	205.0	911	832	773	505.0	330.0
United States	13,761.0	10,232.5	7,307.7	8,020.9	950	779	786	14,468.0	13,132.0
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	165.0	175.0	162.0	172.0	3,450	3,450	3,300	558,900	567,600
Florida.....	150.0	160.0	142.0	151.0	3,900	3,800	3,200	553,800	483,200
Georgia.....	685.0	775.0	680.0	770.0	4,250	4,300	4,300	2,890,000	3,311,000
South Carolina	71.0	76.0	68.0	73.0	4,200	3,800	4,000	285,600	292,000
United States	1,450.3	1,650.0	1,385.4	1,599.8	4,019	4,047	3,953	5,568,150	6,323,710
Soybeans..(bushels)									
Alabama.....	360	350	355	345	41.0	42.0	43.0	14,555	14,835
Georgia.....	165	160	160	155	41.0	42.0	42.0	6,560	6,510
South Carolina ..	405	395	390	380	37.0	38.0	36.0	14,430	13,680
United States	87,450	83,600	86,336	82,791	49.5	50.9	50.1	4,276,123	4,146,036
Sugarcane ⁴ .. (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	401.9	398.0	44.6	46.4	45.5	17,931	18,109
United States	(NA)	(NA)	930.2	927.0	37.3	37.7	34.9	34,671	32,386
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	6.3	2,100	2,200	2,000	12,600	12,600
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	5.8	5.8	2,000	2,000	2,100	11,600	12,180
United States	(NA)	(NA)	201.8	191.7	2,217	2,257	2,153	447,367	412,712

(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 2023 Summary](#), released January 2024.

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

⁴ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), September 2023