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### **Record corn and soybean yields for 2017 crop**

**Corn** production in **Tennessee** is estimated at 121 million bushels, up 1 percent from the November forecast and down 3 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 171 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from the previous forecast and up 20 bushels from the 2016 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 710,000 acres, down 120,000 acres from 2016. **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 14.6 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from 2016. Yields averaged 176.6 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from the previous forecast and up 2.0 bushels from 2016. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 82.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the November forecast and down 5 percent from 2016.

**Soybean** production for **Tennessee** is estimated at 83.0 million bushels, down 2 percent from the November forecast and up 13 percent from 2016. Yield was estimated at 50.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel from November and up 5.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.66 million acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.39 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast and up 2 percent from last year. Yields averaged 49.1 bushels per acre, down 0.4 bushels from the previous forecast and down 2.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 89.5 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and up 8 percent from 2016.

**Tennessee cotton** production totals 730,000 bales, unchanged from the December forecast and up 27 percent from last year. Cotton yields averaged 1,031 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from last month and down 73 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers harvested 340,000 acres, unchanged from the November forecast and up 90,000 acres from 2016. **U.S.** all cotton production is estimated at 21.3 million 480-pound bales, down 1 percent from the December forecast and up 24 percent from 2016. Yields were estimated at 899 pounds per acre, down 3 pounds from last month and up 32 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is estimated at 20.6 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2016. Pima cotton production is forecast at 693,000 480-pound bales, up 22 percent from 2016.

**Tennessee burley tobacco** production is estimated at 18.0 million pounds, unchanged from the October forecast and up 11 percent from 2016. Yield was estimated at 1,500 pounds per acre, unchanged from the October forecast and up 150 pounds from the 2016 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged from last year's crop. **U.S.** production is estimated at 161 million pounds, up 15 percent from last year. Burley growers harvested 81,500 acres, up 2 percent from 2016. Yields were estimated at 1,977 pounds per acre, up 230 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 21.0 million pounds, up 22 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is estimated at 4.0 million pounds, up 71 percent from last year.

**Other hay** production in **Tennessee** is estimated at 3.91 million tons, up 1 percent from last year.