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### **First Look at 2016 Forecasted Yields for Tennessee Row Crops**

NASHVILLE, Tn. – **Corn** production in **Tennessee** was forecast at 124 million bushels, up 6 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 155 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the 2015 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 800,000 acres, up 70,000 acres from 2015. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up 11 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 175.1 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.6 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 7 percent from 2015.

**Soybean** production for **Tennessee** was forecast at 79.1 million bushels, was unchanged from 2015. Yield was estimated at 46.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.72 million acres, unchanged from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.06 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 48.9 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.0 million acres, unchanged from June but up 1 percent from 2015.

**Tennessee** farmers expect to harvest 27.7 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2016. The expected crop for 2016 would be up 3 percent from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 71.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from 2015 and unchanged from July. Farmers expect to harvest 390,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.66 billion bushels, up 21 percent from 2015. The United States yield is forecast at 54.9 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from last month and up 12.4 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 30.2 million acres, down 6 percent from last year.

**Tennessee cotton** production is projected to be 500,000 bales, up 64 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,000 pounds per acre, down 46 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 240,000 acres, up 100,000 acres from 2015. Tennessee State Statistician Debra Kenerson commented, "Cotton acreage has rebounded from a record low 140,000 harvested acres last season. Overall, crops look promising this season." **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 15.9 million bales, up 23 percent from 2015. Yields are forecast to average 800 pounds per acre, up 34 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.53 million acres, up 18 percent from the previous year.

**Tennessee burley tobacco** production was forecast at 21.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2015. Yield was projected at 1,750 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from the 2015 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, unchanged acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production was forecast at 150 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 78,900 acres, unchanged from 2015. Yields were expected to average 1,900 pounds per acre, up 66 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 22.2 million pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 3.24 million pounds, down 2 percent from last year.

**Tennessee other hay** production was forecasted at 4.14 million tons, up 8 percent from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, August 1  
TENNESSEE AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016 <sup>2</sup>	2015	2016		2015	2016
						Jul 1 <sup>1</sup>	Aug 1 <sup>2</sup>		
<b>TENNESSEE</b>									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn <sup>3</sup>	780	870	730	800	160.0	--	155.0	116,800	124,000
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	1,750	1,750	1,720	1,720	46.0	--	46.0	79,120	79,120
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	455	440	395	390	68.0	71.0	71.0	26,860	27,690
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton <sup>5</sup>	155	245	140	240	1,046	--	1,000	305	500
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other, All	--	--	1,750	1,800	2.20	--	2.30	3,850	4,140
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	20,900	20,600	2,333	--	2,254	48,770	46,440
Burley	--	--	12,000	12,000	1,800	--	1,750	21,600	21,000
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	7,700	7,400	3,100	--	3,000	23,870	22,200
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	1,200	1,200	2,750	--	2,700	3,300	3,240
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn <sup>3</sup>	87,999	94,148	80,749	86,550	168.4	--	175.1	13,601,198	15,153,472
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	82,650	83,688	81,814	83,037	48.0	--	48.9	3,929,160	4,060,188
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	39,461	36,538	32,257	30,176	42.5	53.9	54.9	1,370,188	1,657,440
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton <sup>5</sup>	8,581	10,023	8,075	9,530	766	--	800	12,888	15,879
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other, All	--	--	36,659	38,062	2.06	--	2.07	75,414	78,973
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	328,650	319,150	2,178	--	2,184	715,946	696,880
Burley	--	--	78,900	78,900	1,834	--	1,900	144,675	149,910
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	17,850	17,150	3,144	--	2,822	56,125	48,400
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,200	5,900	2,750	--	2,461	17,050	14,520

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>4</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>5</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.