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August Crop Forecast – Cotton Production Up 35%

Based on an August 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **COTTON** crop is forecast at 650,000 bales, up 35 percent from last year. Cotton planted acres are estimated at 450,000 acres, 32 percent above last year and 10 percent from the March 2011 estimate. An estimated 430,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 27 percent from 2010. Yield is forecast at 726 pounds per acre, up 44 pounds from last year.

Alabama **CORN** plantings are estimated at 270,000 acres, unchanged from the June estimate and last year. Corn production is forecast at 24 million bushels, down 5 million bushels from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 100 bushels, is down 16 bushels from 2010. An estimated 240,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 4 percent from last year and unchanged from the June 1 estimate.

SOYBEAN production is expected to total 8.85 million bushels, down slightly from last year's production. Based on the August 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre, up from last year's 26 bushels per acre yield. Planted acres remained unchanged from June 1 at 310,000 acres and harvested acres are estimated at 295,000.

This year's **PEANUT** crop is forecast at 467.6 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2010. An average yield of 2,800 pounds per acre is expected from 167,000 harvested acres.

CROP WEATHER: Scattered rain across the state has offered some drought relief to producers, but crops are still suffering from the intense heat and humidity. August 1 crop conditions for cotton, corn, peanuts, and soybeans show the crops to be 8% very poor, 17% poor, 31% fair, 39% good and 5% excellent. Soil moisture levels continued to improve, and as of August 1 were reported at 15% very short, 30% short, 53% adequate and 2% surplus.

Acres, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, August 1

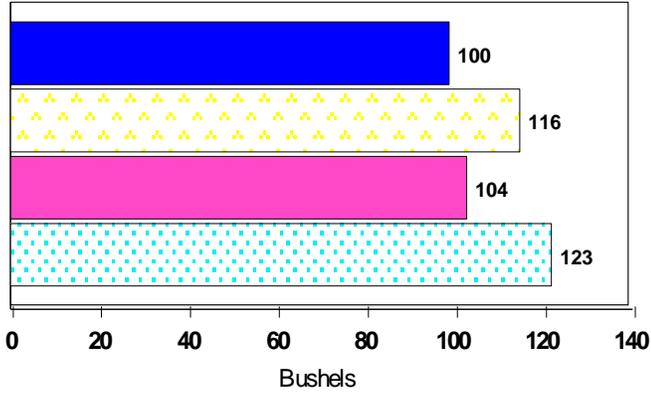
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
ALABAMA		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	340	450	338	430	682	726	480,000	650,000
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	270	250	240	116.0	100.0	29,000	24,000
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	780	800	2.40	2.00	1,872	1,600
Soybeans	Bu.	350	310	345	295	26	30	8,970	8,850
Peanuts	Lb.	190	170	185	167	2,600	2,800	481,000	467,600
UNITED STATES		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	10,770.0	13,436	10,698.7	9,666.5	812	822	18.1	16.6
Corn for grain	Bu.	88,192	92,282	81,446	84,388	152.8	153.0	12,446.9	12,914.1
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	39,906.0	38,276.0	1.95	1.75	77.65	67.00
Soybeans	Bu.	77,404.0	74,958.0	76,616.0	73,823.0	43.5	41.4	3,329.3	3,055.9
Peanuts	Lb.	1,116.0	1,290.0	1,255.0	1,117.0	3,311	3,234	4,155.6	3,612.1

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around August 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

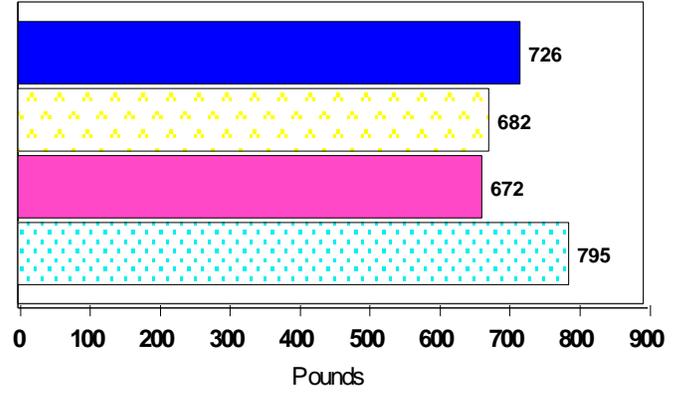
Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

Corn Yield



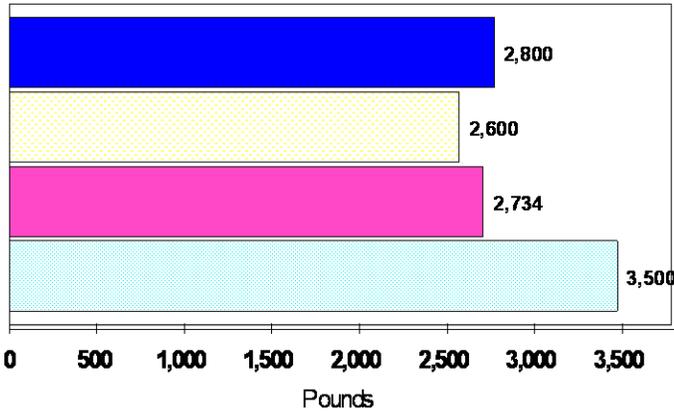
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Cotton Yield



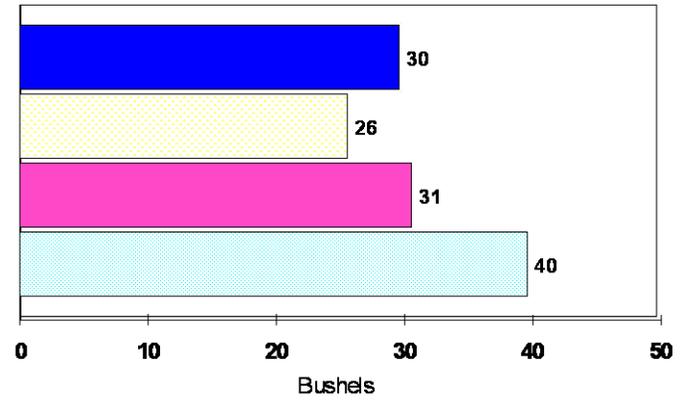
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Peanut Yield



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Soybean Yield



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