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## August Crop Forecast – Corn Production Down 22%

Based on an August 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **CORN** crop is forecast at 22,100 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year. Cotton planted acres are estimated at 390,000 acres, 15 percent below last year and 2 percent from the March 2012 estimate. An estimated 387,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 13 percent from 2011. Yield is forecast at 719 pounds per acre, down 23 pounds from last year.

Alabama **CORN** plantings are estimated at 290,000 acres, up 7 percent from last year. Corn production is forecast at 22.1 million bushels, down 6.4 million bushels from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 85 bushels, is down 29 bushels from 2011. An estimated 260,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 10,000 acres from last year.

**SOYBEAN** production is expected to total 10.7 million bushels, up 10 percent from last year's production. Based on the August 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Planted acres remained unchanged from June 1 at 330,000 acres and harvested acres are estimated at 325,000.

**PEANUT** crop is forecast at 576.6 million pounds up 16 percent from 2011. An average yield of 3,100 pounds per acre is expected from 186,000 harvested acres.

**CROP WEATHER:** Scattered rain across the state has brought some drought relief to producers for most crops except corn which has suffered greatly. Outcome for corn yields has yet to be determined because of untimely rains and prolonged drought. August 1 crop conditions for cotton, corn, peanuts, and soybeans show the crops to average 5% very poor, 14% poor, 41% fair, 38% good and 2% excellent. Soil moisture levels continued to improve, and as of August 1 were reported at 9% very short, 34% short, 56% adequate and 1% surplus.

### Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, August 1

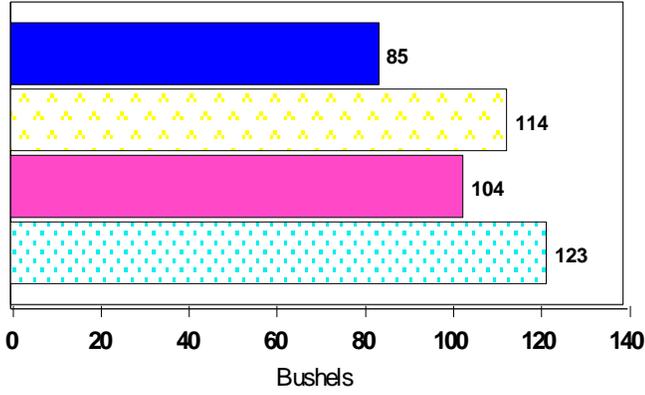
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	460	390	443	387	742	719	685,000	580,000
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	290	250	260	114.0	85.0	28,500	22,100
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	800	820	2.40	2.40	1,920	1,968
Soybeans	Bu.	310	330	295	325	33	33	9,735	10,725
Peanuts	Lb.	170	190	166	186	3,000	3,100	498,000	576,600
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	14,735.4	12,635.0	9,460.9	10,810.4	790	784	15.6	17.7
Corn for grain	Bu.	91,921	96,405	83,981	87,361	147.2	123.4	12,358.4	10,778.6
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	36,420.0	38,762.0	1.81	1.69	65.8	65.4
Soybeans	Bu.	74,976.0	76,080.0	73,636.0	74,635.0	41.5	36.1	3,056.0	2,692.0
Peanuts	Lb.	1,140.6	1,526.0	1,097.6	1,486.0	3,313	3,562	3,636.3	5,292.9

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.**

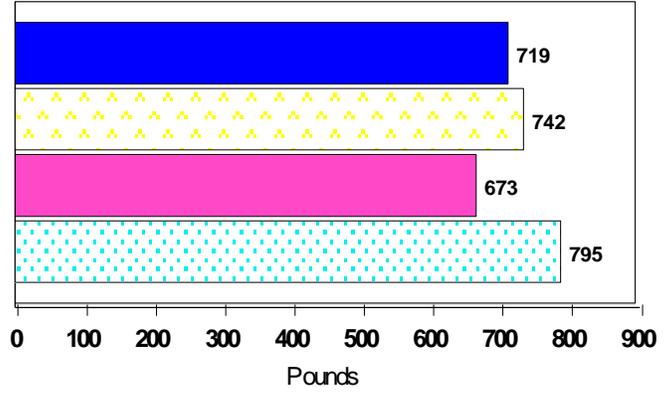
# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

## Corn Yield



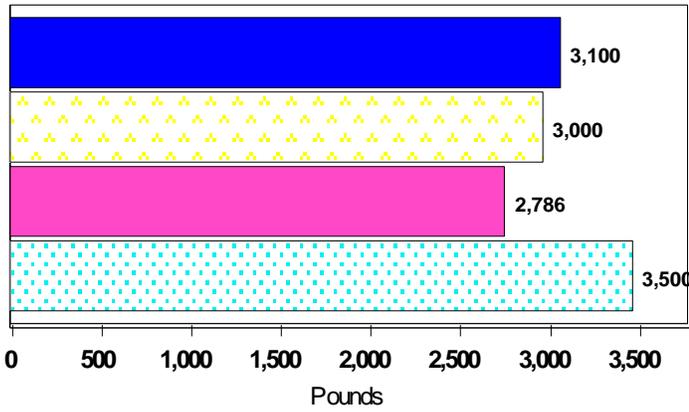
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## Cotton Yield



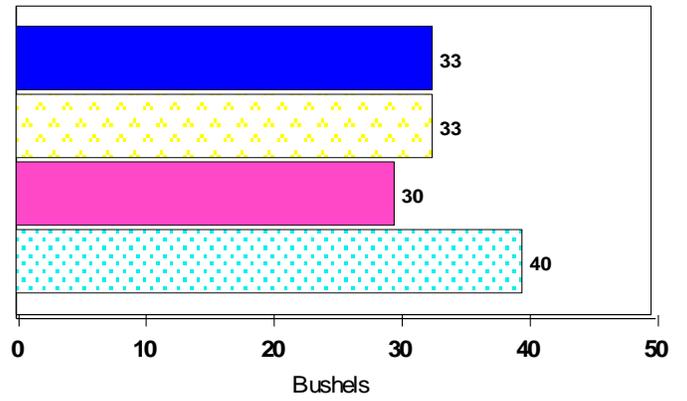
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## Peanut Yield



■ Aug 2012   ■ 2011   ■ 10-yr Avg   ■ Record Year, 2008

## Soybean Yield



■ Aug 2012   ■ 2011   ■ 10-yr Avg   ■ Record Year, 2009