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NOVEMBER 1 CROP FORECAST

Based on the November 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **PEANUTS**, **SOYBEANS** and **COTTON** crop are forecast at record yields.

This year's **PEANUT** crop is forecast at 774.0 million pounds, up 9 percent from last month and 58 percent from 2011. A **record** average yield of 3,600 pounds per acre, up 300 pounds from October's forecast. This record yield is 100 pounds above the 3,500 pounds per acre recorded in 2008.

SOYBEAN production is expected to total 14.52 million bushels, up 13 percent from October and up 49 percent from last year. Farmers reported a **record** yield of 44 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from October and up 11 bushels from last year. Planted and harvested acres remain at 340,000 and 330,000 respectively.

COTTON production is forecast at 660,000 bales, 60,000 bales above last month but 4 percent below last year. An estimated 377,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 15 percent from 2011. A **record** yield is forecast at 840 pounds per acre up 76 pounds from last month, 98 pounds from last year, and 45 pounds above the 1985 record yield.

CORN production is forecast at 28.35 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month and down 1 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre is forecast at 105 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from October and down 9 bushels from 2011.

UNITED STATES: Soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from October but down 4 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.3 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from last month but down 2.6 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher or unchanged across all States except for Oklahoma and Texas. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 75.7 million acres, unchanged from October and up 3 percent from last year.

CROP WEATHER: The crop harvest has been good to excellent as harvesting gained momentum. In the Nov 5 Crop Progress and Condition release, topsoil moisture was reported as 47 percent short or very short and 53 percent as adequate or surplus. The NASS office wishes to thank all those who took time from their busy schedule to respond to the agriculture yield survey.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, November 1

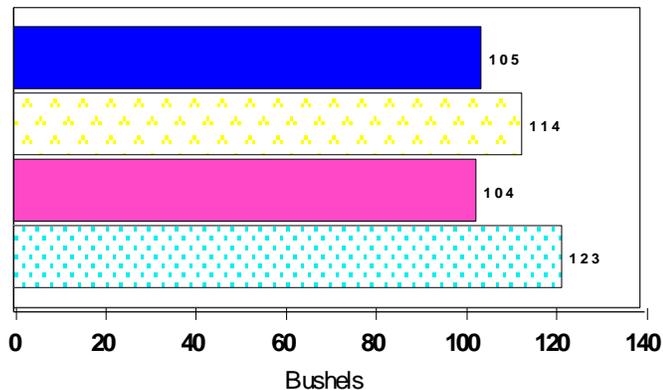
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
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Cotton 1/	Bales	460	380	443	377	742	840	685.0	660.0
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	300	250	270	114.0	105.0	28,500	28,350
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	800	820	2.40	2.40	1,920	1,968
Soybeans	Bu.	300	340	295	330	33	44	9,735	14,520
Peanuts	Lb.	170	220	166	215	2,950	3,600	489,700	774,000
UNITED STATES									
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Cotton 1/	Bales	14,735.4	12,360.0	9,460.9	10,443.4	790	802	15,573.2	17,447.0
Corn for grain	Bu.	91,921	96,946	83,981	87,721	147.2	122.3	12,358,412	10,725,191
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	55,633.0	57,574.0	2.36	2.12	131,144	121,974
Soybeans	Bu.	75,046.0	77,203.0	73,776	75,693	41.9	39.3	3,093,524	2,971,022
Peanuts	Lb.	1,140.6	1,636.0	1,080.6	1,594.0	3,386	4,058	3,658,590	6,468,650

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

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

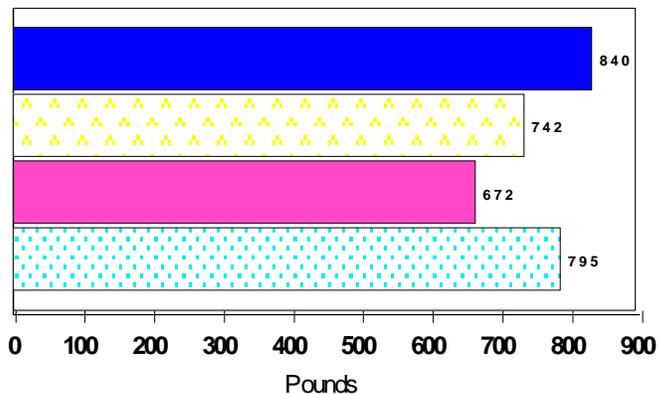
Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

Corn Yield



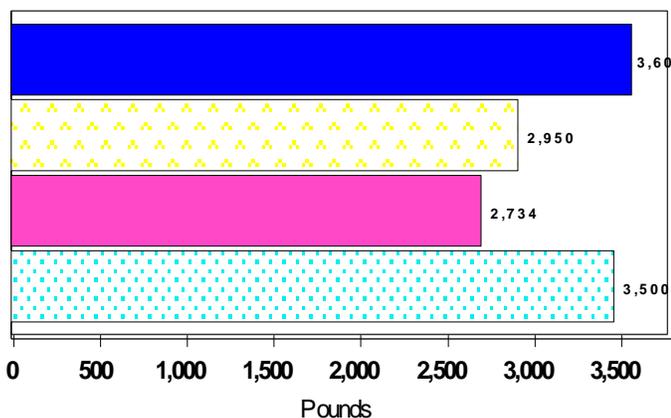
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Cotton Yield



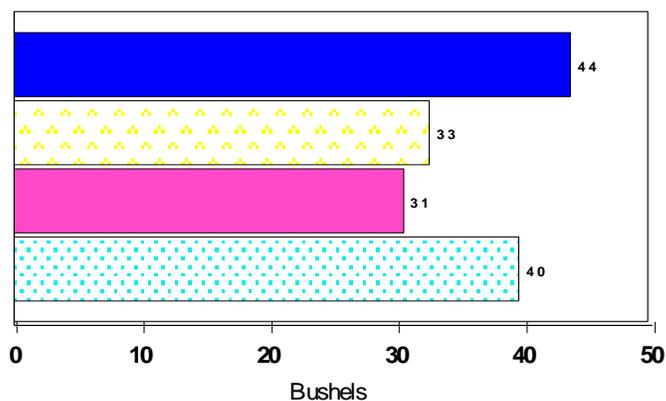
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Peanut Yield



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Soybean Yield



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