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September 1 Crop Forecast

Based on a September 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **COTTON** crop is forecast at 600,000 bales, down 12 percent from last year. Cotton planted acres are estimated at 380,000 acres, 17 percent below last year. An estimated 377,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 15 percent from 2012. Yield is forecast at 764 pounds per acre, up 22 pounds from last year.

Alabama **CORN** plantings are estimated at 290,000 acres, up 7 percent from last year. Corn production is forecast at 26.0 million bushels, down 9 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 100 bushels, down 14 bushels from 2011. An estimated 260,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 4 percent from last year.

SOYBEAN production is expected to total 12.4 million bushels, up 27 percent from last year's production of 9.7 million bushels. Based on the September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year's 33 bushels per acre. Planted and harvested acres are estimated at 330,000 and 325,000, respectively.

This year's **PEANUT** crop is forecast at 688.0 million pounds, up 38 percent from 2011. An average yield of 3,200 pounds per acre is expected from 215,000 harvested acres.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the August forecast and down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 122.8 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushels from the August forecast and 24.4 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.4 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 4 percent from 2011.

CROP WEATHER: The Tropical Storm Isaac brought isolated minor damage to some southeast counties. In anticipation of the storm, farmers hastened to harvest their corn crop. Corn yields across the state will continue to vary because of early drought conditions according to the Agriculture Yield Survey. September 2, 2012 crop conditions for cotton, peanuts and soybeans was 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 67 percent good and 7 percent excellent.

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

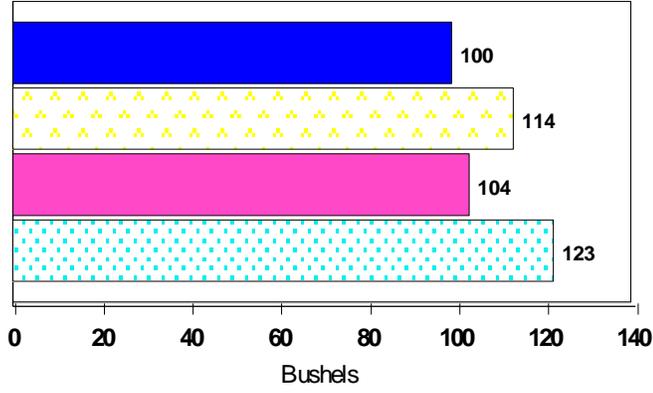
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
ALABAMA		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	460	380	443	377	742	764	685.0	600.0
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	290	250	260	114.0	100.0	28,500	26,000
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	800	820	2.40	2.40	1,920	1,968
Soybeans	Bu.	300	330	295	325	33	38	9,735	12,350
Peanuts	Lb.	170	220	166	215	3,000	3,200	498,000	688,000
UNITED STATES		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Million Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	14,735.4	12,360.0	9,460.9	10,443.4	790	786	15.6	17.1
Corn for grain	Bu.	91,921	96,405	83,981	87,361	147.2	122.8	12,358.4	10,727.4
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	55,633.0	57,574.0	2.36	2.09	131.1	120.3
Soybeans	Bu.	74,976.0	76,080.0	73,636	74,635	41.5	35.3	3,056.0	2,634.3
Peanuts	Lb.	1,140.6	1,636.0	1,097.6	1,594.0	3,313	3,714	3,636.3	5,919.5

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

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

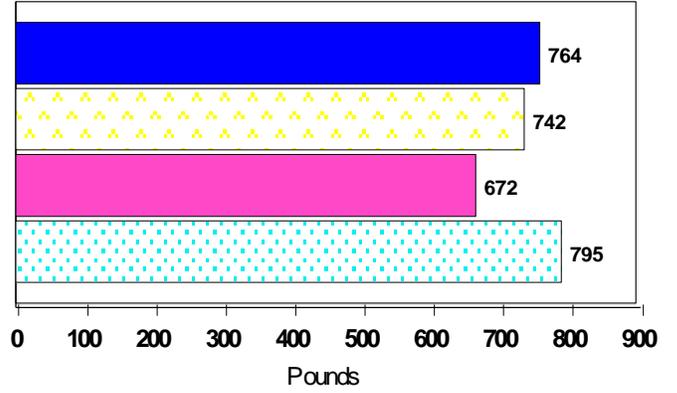
Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

Corn Yield



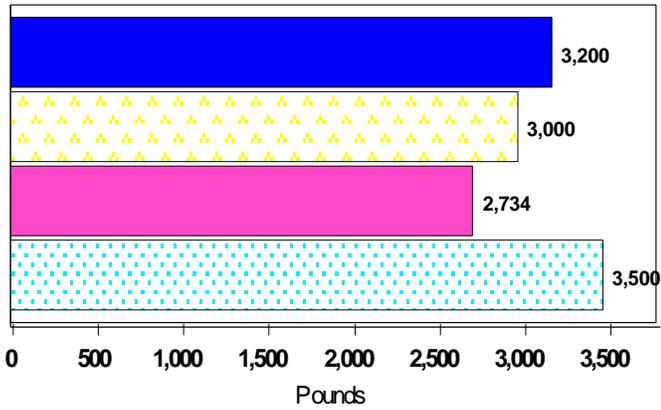
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Cotton Yield



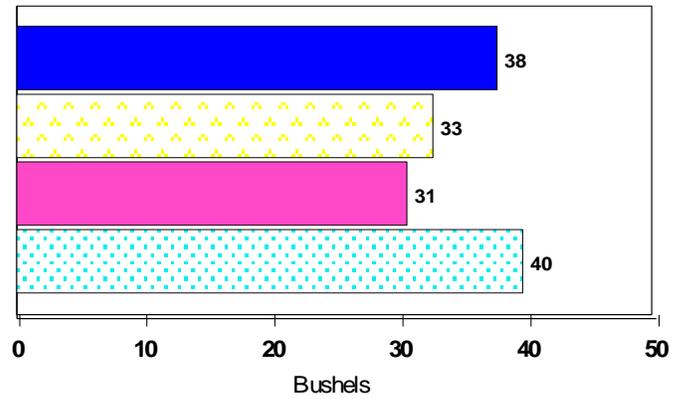
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Peanut Yield



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

Soybean Yield



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