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Crop Production

Iowa: As of October 1, Iowa's 2010 corn for grain yield is forecast at 169 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from the September 1 forecast and 13 bushels below 2009. Planted and harvested acres were increased by 100,000 each, to 13.4 million and 13.1 million, respectively. Production is forecast at 2.21 billion bushels for the State, down more than 9 percent from last year. Forecasted ears per acre, at 29,450, are the highest on record when compared to final counts. As of October 3, Iowa producers had harvested 19 percent of the corn, more than double the 5-year average of 9 percent.

The October 1 soybean yield forecast of 52 bushels per acre is unchanged from the September 1, forecast, but up 1.0 bushel per acre from 2009. Planted and harvested acres were lowered by 300,000 each, to 9.9 million and 9.85 million, respectively. If realized, soybean production would be 512 million bushels, up more than 5 percent from last year, but 15.6 million bushels less than the September 1 forecast. Forecasted pods with beans, at 2,046 per 18 square feet, are the highest on record when compared to final counts. As of October 3, soybean harvest was 38 percent complete, 20 percentage points ahead of last year, but only 1 percentage point ahead of the 5-year average.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from the previous month and 8.9 bushels below last year's record of 164.7 bushels. Forecasted yields decreased from last month throughout much of the Corn Belt and Tennessee Valley. Illinois showed the largest decline, down 14 bushels per acre. Indiana and Iowa are both down 10 bushels from the previous month, while Missouri and Nebraska declined 9 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.3 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.41 billion bushels, down 2 percent from September, but 1 percent above last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 44.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month, but up 0.4 bushel from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in all major-producing States except Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin. The largest decreases in yield from last month are expected in North Carolina and Virginia, down 5 and 4 bushels, respectively. If realized, the forecasted yields in Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, and Wisconsin will be record highs and the forecasted yield in Minnesota will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 76.8 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous estimate, but up 1 percent from 2009. Acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data.

October 2010 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
IOWA						
Corn for Grain	13,400	13,100	182.0	169.0	2,438,800	2,213,900
Soybeans	9,530	9,850	51.0	52.0	486,030	512,200
Alfalfa Hay ¹	920	900	3.60	3.40	3,312	3,060
All Other Hay ¹	300	300	2.30	2.50	690	750
UNITED STATES						
Corn for Grain	79,590	81,263	164.7	155.8	13,110,062	12,663,949
Soybeans	76,372	76,823	44.0	44.4	3,359,011	3,408,211
Alfalfa Hay ¹	21,227	20,732	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326
All Other Hay ¹	38,528	38,924	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952

¹ Hay yield is reported in tons per acre and hay production in thousand tons.

IOWA DISTRICT FORECASTS

Corn, 2009-2010

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2009	2010 ¹	2009	2010 ²	2009	2010
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,967	1,900	195	186	383,550	353,410
NC	1,927	1,855	181	184	348,770	341,330
NE	1,544	1,545	174	177	268,640	273,470
WC	2,030	2,010	191	173	387,710	347,740
C	1,985	1,900	180	166	357,280	315,400
EC	1,392	1,400	185	173	257,500	242,200
SW	1,075	1,040	184	156	197,790	162,240
SC	552	535	153	114	84,450	60,990
SE	928	915	165	128	153,110	117,120
State	13,400	13,100	182	169	2,438,800	2,213,900

¹ Harvested for grain ² Yield rounded

Soybeans, 2009-2010

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2009	2010 ¹	2009	2010 ²	2009	2010
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,570	1,610	52.5	55.0	82,380	88,585
NC	1,265	1,295	49.5	54.0	62,580	69,960
NE	797	815	46.5	51.0	37,040	41,580
WC	1,474	1,545	52.0	54.0	76,630	83,465
C	1,356	1,410	52.0	50.0	70,450	70,530
EC	900	915	52.5	52.0	47,230	47,600
SW	925	980	53.0	53.0	49,010	51,960
SC	530	555	46.0	44.0	24,370	24,430
SE	713	725	51.0	47.0	36,340	34,090
State	9,530	9,850	51.0	52.0	486,030	512,200

AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES

U.S. Corn Supply and Demand

CORN	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Est.)	2010-2011 ¹ Projections October
	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>
Beginning Stocks	1,624	1,673	1,708
Production	12,092	13,110	12,664
Imports	14	8	10
Supply, total	13,729	14,791	14,382
Feed & Residual	5,182	5,167	5,400
Food, Seed & Industrial	5,025	5,930	6,080
Domestic, total	10,207	11,097	11,480
Exports	1,849	1,987	2,000
Use, total	12,056	13,084	13,480
Ending Stocks, total	1,673	1,708	902
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.06	3.55	4.60-5.40

¹ Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

SOYBEANS	2008-2009	2009-2010 (Est.)	2010-2011 ¹ Projections October
	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>	<i>Million Bushels</i>
Beginning Stocks	205	138	151
Production	2,967	3,359	3,408
Imports	13	15	10
Supply, total	3,185	3,512	3,569
Crushings	1,662	1,752	1,665
Exports	1,279	1,498	1,520
Seed	90	90	88
Residual	16	21	32
Use, total	3,047	3,361	3,305
Ending stocks	138	151	265
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	9.97	9.59	10.00-11.50

¹ Preliminary

Annual Small Grain Summary

Iowa: Oats – Iowa’s 2010 planted oat acreage, at 180,000 acres, is 10 percent below the 200,000 acres planted last year. Oat acreage harvested for grain, at 70,000 acres, is nearly 26 percent lower than last year. Iowa’s 2010 oat yield, at 62 bushels per acre, is 3 bushels per acre lower than 2009. Iowa’s oat grain production, at 4,340,000 bushels, is nearly 30 percent lower than last year.

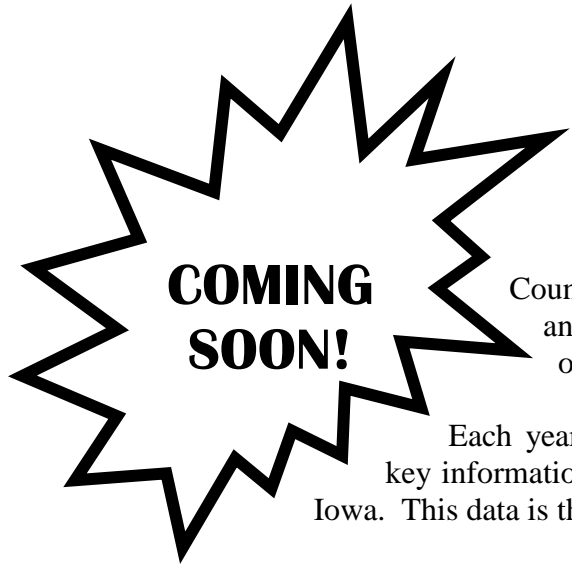
Winter Wheat – Iowa’s 2010 winter wheat acreage harvested for grain, at 10,000 acres, is 12,000 acres lower than last year. The yield is 46 bushels per acre, 1 bushel per acre above last year. The state’s production, at 460,000 bushels, is 54 percent lower than the previous year.

United States: All wheat production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2010, down 2 percent from the August forecast, but up slightly from 2009. Grain area is 47.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. The United States yield is a record high 46.7 bushels per acre, 2.3 bushels higher than last year and 1.8 bushels higher than the previous record set in 2008. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent; other spring wheat, 627 million bushels, up 7 percent; Durum wheat, 111 million bushels, up 2 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 81.9 million bushels, 6 percent below the August forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 64.6 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from the last forecast and down 2.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields decreased or stayed the same for most States, with the exception of Michigan, Texas, and several States in the Northwest. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres, is 4 percent below August and 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

September 2010 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
IOWA						
Oats for Grain	95	70	65.0	62.0	6,175	4,340
Winter Wheat	22	10	45.0	46.0	990	460
UNITED STATES						
Oats for Grain	1,379	1,268	67.5	64.6	93,081	81,855
Wheat, All	49,893	47,657	44.5	46.7	2,218,061	2,223,523
Winter	34,510	31,749	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Durum	2,428	2,529	44.9	44.0	109,042	111,350
Other Spring	12,955	13,379	45.1	46.9	584,411	626,937



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