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### **Kentucky Corn and Soybean Production Are Expected to be Smaller**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its crop production report today from the September Agricultural Yield Survey conducted at the beginning of the month. Based on September 1 conditions, the report showed corn production is expected to be down 28 percent from last year, and soybeans 2 percent lower.

“The high temperatures and drought in June and July took a toll on crops, corn more than soybeans”, said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. “It will be the smallest corn crop since 2012, which is due to a combination of fewer acres along with a lower yield. Forecast soybean yield is down from last year, but is expected to be above the five-year average.”

**Corn** production is forecast at 200 million bushels, down 28% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 150 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from last month and down 42.0 bushels from the 2021 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.33 million acres, down 110,000 acres from 2021. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.9 billion bushels, down 3% from the August forecast and down 8% from last year's record production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 172.5 bushels per acre, down 2.9 bushels from last month and down 4.5 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.8 million acres, down 1% from the August forecast but down 5% from 2021.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 101 million bushels, down 2% from 2021. Yield was estimated at 52.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 from last month and down 4.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.94 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.38 billion bushels, down 3% from the August forecast but down 1% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month but down 0.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.6 million acres, down 1% from the August forecast but up slightly from 2021.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is forecast at 58.9 million pounds, down 18% from 2021. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last month and down 150 pounds from the 2021 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 31,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 67.2 million pounds, down 20% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 35,850 acres, down 13 percent from 2021. Yields were expected to average 1,873 pounds per acre, down 182 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 31.7 million pounds, up 9% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 14.6 million pounds, down 9% from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1  
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022 <sup>2</sup>	2021	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2021	2022
						Aug 1	Sep 1 <sup>2</sup>		
<b>KENTUCKY</b>									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn <sup>3</sup>	1,550	1,440	1,440	1,330	192.0	147.0	150.0	276,480	199,500
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	1,850	1,950	1,840	1,940	56.0	54.0	52.0	103,040	100,880
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	510	530	350	400	87.0	82.0	--	30,450	32,800
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	49,800	47,000	2,351	2,150	2,239	117,060	105,220
Burley	--	--	35,000	31,000	2,050	1,800	1,900	71,750	58,900
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	8,700	9,900	3,350	3,200	3,200	29,145	31,680
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,100	6,100	2,650	2,400	2,400	16,165	14,640
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn <sup>3</sup>	93,357	88,608	85,388	80,844	177.0	175.4	172.5	15,115,170	13,943,913
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	87,195	87,455	86,332	86,631	51.4	51.9	50.5	4,435,232	4,378,194
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	33,648	34,006	25,464	25,002	50.2	47.9	--	1,277,365	1,197,650
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	218,930	210,700	2,183	2,058	2,100	477,973	442,480
Burley	--	--	41,010	35,850	2,055	1,794	1,873	84,256	67,150
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,870	16,350	3,235	3,034	3,076	48,102	50,295
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	10,100	10,100	2,492	2,274	2,281	25,165	23,040

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>4</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.