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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2020 September Agricultural Yield and Cotton Objective Yield surveys**. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to the cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

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Corn production for grain is forecast at 14.9 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 9 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average a record high 178.5 bushels per acre. Soybean production is forecast at 4.31 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the previous forecast but up 21 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average a record high 51.9 bushels per acre. All cotton production is forecast at 17.1 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from the previous forecast and down 14 percent from 2019. Yields are expected to average a record high 910 pounds per acre.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the September Crop Production include:

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 57.9 million bushels, up 29 percent from 2019. Cotton acreage is revised down from June to 450,000 acres planted and 445,000 harvested with production forecasted at 905 million bales, down 12 percent from last year. Peanut acreage is revised up from June to 185,000 acres planted with production forecasted at 746 million pounds, up 41 percent from 2019. If realized, the yield, at 4,100 pounds per acre, will be a record high. Soybean production, at 11.6 million bushels, is up 24 percent from last year.

Florida: Cotton acreage is revised up from June to 100,000 acres planted and 98,000 harvested with production forecasted at 180,000 bales, down 12 percent from 2019. Peanut acreage is revised up from June to 175,000 acres planted and 165,000 harvested. Production is forecast at 693 million pounds, up 18 percent from last year. If realized, the yield, at 4,200 pounds per acre, will be a record high for the state. Sugarcane production is forecast at 18.0 million tons, up 2 percent from 2019.

Georgia: With a record high yield forecast of 181 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 62.4 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2019. Cotton acreage is revised down from June to 1.20 million acres planted and 1.19 million acres harvested with production forecasted at 2.31 million bales, down 16 percent from last year. Peanut acreage is revised up from June to 810,000 acres planted and 800,000 harvested. Production is forecast at a record high 3.60 billion pounds with a yield of 4,500 pounds per acre, the second highest yield on record. Soybeans production, at 3.36 million bushels, is up 25 percent from last year. Tobacco production is forecast at 16.6 million pounds, the lowest production since 1932.

South Carolina: With a record high yield forecast of 136 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is forecast at 49.0 million bushels, up 32 percent from 2019. Cotton planted remains unchanged from June at 190,000 acres, with production forecasted at 330,000 bales, down 34 percent from last year due to the reduction in acres this year. Peanut acreage is revised up from June to 85,000 acres with production forecasted at 311 million pounds, up 32 percent from 2019. Soybean production, at 10.5 million bushels, is a 26 percent increase from last year. Tobacco production, at 9.0 million pounds, is the lowest since 1906 and the yield, at 1,500 pounds per acre, is the lowest since 1954.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2019 and Forecasted 2020

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020		2019	2020
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn¹ (bushels)									
Alabama.....	320	370	305	355	147.0	165.0	163.0	44,835	57,865
Florida ²	90	80	54		161.0			8,694	
Georgia.....	395	390	350	345	160.0	181.0	181.0	56,000	62,445
South Carolina	380	390	350	360	106.0	136.0	136.0	37,100	48,960
United States	89,700	92,006	81,322	83,473	167.4	181.8	178.5	13,617,261	14,899,557
Cotton, all³ .. (bales)									
Alabama.....	540.0	450.0	532.0	445.0	928	981	976	1,028.0	905.0
Florida.....	112.0	100.0	110.0	98.0	895	852	882	205.0	180.0
Georgia.....	1,400.0	1,200.0	1,380.0	1,190.0	953	1,003	932	2,740.0	2,310.0
South Carolina	300.0	190.0	295.0	185.0	809	830	856	497.0	330.0
United States	13,735.7	12,115.5	11,612.5	9,005.3	823	938	910	19,912.5	17,064.0
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	160.0	185.0	158.0	182.0	3,350	4,100	4,100	529,300	746,200
Florida.....	165.0	175.0	155.0	165.0	3,800	4,100	4,200	589,000	693,000
Georgia.....	670.0	810.0	660.0	800.0	4,200	4,600	4,500	2,772,000	3,600,000
South Carolina	65.0	85.0	62.0	82.0	3,800	3,800	3,800	235,600	311,600
United States	1,427.7	1,665.2	1,391.7	1,623.2	3,949	4,218	4,185	5,496,087	6,793,220
Soybeans.. (bushels)									
Alabama.....	265	310	260	305	36.0	41.0	38.0	9,360	11,590
Georgia.....	100	90	93	84	29.0	37.0	40.0	2,697	3,360
South Carolina ..	335	370	320	350	26.0	32.0	30.0	8,320	10,500
United States	76,100	83,825	74,951	83,020	47.4	53.3	51.9	3,552,241	4,312,819
Sugarcane⁴ ... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	410.7	413.0	43.0	44.1	43.6	17,644	18,007
United States	(NA)	(NA)	913.2	932.3	35.0	36.2	36.6	31,937	34,138
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	9.0	7.2	2,100	2,200	2,300	18,900	16,560
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	8.3	6.0	1,900	1,500	1,500	15,770	9,000
United States	(NA)	(NA)	227.1	195.8	2,060	1,892	1,880	467,956	368,065

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the [Crop Production 2020 Summary](#), released January 2021.

³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production, September 2020](#)