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This report contains results from the farmer reported **2022 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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Each September, NASS has the opportunity to revise planted and harvested acreage estimates for cotton and peanuts. This year, NASS also included corn and soybeans in this review due to the completeness of this season's data for these crops. Revisions are based on all available data, including the latest certified acreage data from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

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

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 35.4 million bushels, down 9 percent from last month and down 37 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 122 bushels per acre. Cotton planted acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 430,000 acres with production forecast at 740,000 bales, up 7 percent from 2021. Yield is forecast at 836 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 165,000 acres planted with production forecast at 619 million pounds, down slightly from 2021. Yield is forecast at 3,800 pounds per acre. Soybean acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 360,000 acres planted with production forecast at 14.9 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 42 bushels per acre.

Florida: Cotton acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 106,000 acres planted with production forecast at 175,000 bales, up 13 percent from last month and up 46 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 808 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 155,000 acres planted. With yield forecast at a record high of 4,300 pounds per harvested acre, peanut production is forecast at 632 million pounds, up 7 percent from 2021. Sugarcane production is forecast at 17.4 million tons, up 2 percent from 2021.

Georgia: Corn acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 425,000 acres planted and 385,000 harvested for grain. Production is forecast at 65.8 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month, but down 19 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 171 bushels per acre. Cotton acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 1.29 million acres planted with production forecast at 2.40 million bales, up 9 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 900 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 685,000 acres planted. Production is forecast at 3.06 billion pounds, down 8 percent from a year ago. Soybean acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 165,000 acres planted and 160,000 acres harvested for beans. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average a record high 46 bushels per harvested acre. Production is forecast at 7.36 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2021. Tobacco production is forecast at 12.6 million pounds, down 5 percent from last month and down 13 percent from 2021. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 2,100 pounds per acre.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at 37.8 million bushels, down 28 percent from 2021. Cotton acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 270,000 acres planted with production forecast at 495,000 bales, up 4 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 897 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 71,000 planted acres. With yield forecast at a record high of 4,200 pounds per harvested acre, peanut production is forecast at 286 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2021. Soybean acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 405,000 acres planted with production forecast at 14.0 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Tobacco production, at 12.0 million pounds, is down 12 percent from last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2021 and Forecasted 2022

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022		2021	2022
						August 1	September 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹(bushels)									
Alabama.....	355	300	345	290	163.0	134.0	122.0	56,235	35,380
Florida ²	95	85	66	45	176.0			11,616	
Georgia.....	480	425	445	385	182.0	166.0	171.0	80,990	65,835
South Carolina	400	320	380	300	139.0	128.0	126.0	52,820	37,800
United States	93,357	88,608	85,388	80,844	177.0	175.4	172.5	15,115,170	13,943,913
Cotton, all ³ . (bales)									
Alabama.....	405.0	430.0	401.0	425.0	826	851	836	690.0	740.0
Florida.....	92.0	106.0	90.0	104.0	640	800	808	120.0	175.0
Georgia.....	1,170.0	1,290.0	1,160.0	1,280.0	914	928	900	2,210.0	2,400.0
South Carolina	210.0	270.0	207.0	265.0	986	894	897	425.0	495.0
United States	11,215.5	13,791.0	10,272.3	7,876.0	819	846	843	17,523.0	13,832.0
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	185.0	165.0	183.0	163.0	3,400	4,000	3,800	622,200	619,400
Florida.....	170.0	155.0	162.0	147.0	3,650	4,300	4,300	591,300	632,100
Georgia.....	755.0	685.0	750.0	680.0	4,450	4,500	4,500	3,337,500	3,060,000
South Carolina	69.0	71.0	66.0	68.0	4,200	4,200	4,200	277,200	285,600
United States	1,585.2	1,459.1	1,545.0	1,411.1	4,135	4,129	4,145	6,389,300	5,849,700
Soybeans..(bushels)									
Alabama.....	310	360	305	355	46.0	42.0	42.0	14,030	14,910
Georgia.....	140	165	135	160	46.0	44.0	46.0	6,210	7,360
South Carolina ..	395	405	385	390	38.0	35.0	36.0	14,630	14,040
United States	87,195	87,455	86,332	86,631	51.4	51.9	50.5	4,435,232	4,378,194
Sugarcane ⁴ .. (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	403.5	396.5	42.6	43.8	44.0	17,187	17,446
United States	(NA)	(NA)	935.2	917.8	35.1	36.6	36.9	32,838	33,868
Tobacco.... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	8.0	6.0	1,800	1,900	2,100	14,400	12,600
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	7.6	6.0	1,800	2,000	2,000	13,680	12,000
United States	(NA)	(NA)	218.9	210.7	2,183	2,058	2,100	477,973	442,480

(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 2022 Summary](#), released January 2023.

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 2022