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Michigan August 1 Crop Forecast

Michigan growers are anticipating smaller corn, soybean, dry bean, alfalfa hay and sugarbeet yields in 2022 than they had in 2021, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office.

Spring planting was delayed due to cold, wet conditions. The State has experienced drier than normal growing conditions and the Central and Thumb regions have been abnormally dry. Passing rains have helped to sustain field crops though later than normal planting and these dry conditions are anticipated to have a negative affect on crop yields. As of July 31, sixty-four percent of the corn crop was rated good to excellent and 56 percent of the soybean crop was rated good to excellent; both condition ratings were lower than last year at the same time.

Highlights of the August 1 Crop Production report follow:

- Michigan's average corn yield is forecast at 170 bushels per acre, 4 bushels below last year. Total production is forecast at 321 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year. Production is down on a smaller yield and fewer planted acres.
- Soybean yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Total production is forecast at 105 million bushels, down 4 percent from last year. Despite farmers planting more soybean acres in 2022 in Michigan, total production is anticipated to be down due to a smaller yield.
- Winter Wheat yield is estimated at 84 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year. Total production is forecast at 35.7 million bushels.
- Producers of dry beans are expecting their crop to yield 2,300 pounds per acre, down 110 pounds from last year. Production is expected to be 5.01 million hundredweight, nearly unchanged from last year due to an increase in acres planted in 2022.
- Michigan's 2022 apple production forecast is 1.10 billion pounds, up 68 percent from last year. The Michigan peach production forecast is 12,000 tons, up 43 percent from last year. Both the Michigan apple and peach crops had an ideal Spring with no major freezes or frosts that reduced the crops in the past 2 years.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2021 - 2022

Commodity	Michigan		United States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Beans, dry				
Planted1,000 acres	210.0	220.0	1,394.0	1,284.0
Harvested1,000 acres	208.0	218.0	1,335.6	1,239.3
Yield Pounds	2,410	2,300	1,701	1,979
Production 1,000 cwt	5,011	5,014	22,721	24,525
Corn, all				
Planted1,000 acres	2,350	2,250	93,357	89,821
Corn, grain				
Harvested1,000 acres	1,990	1,890	85,388	81,840
YieldBushels	174.0	170.0	177.0	175.4
Production 1,000 bu	346,260	321,300	15,115,170	14,358,679
Hay, alfalfa				
Harvested1,000 acres	560	570	15,246	15,465
Yield Tons	3.10	1.90	3.23	3.17
Production1,000 tons	1,736	1,083	49,245	49,100
Hay, other				
Harvested1,000 acres	230	230	35,490	36,042
Yield Tons	1.90	2.00	2.00	1.88
Production1,000 tons	437	460	70,951	67,659
Oats				
Planted1,000 acres	55	50	2,550	2,392
Harvested1,000 acres	20	30	650	796
YieldBushels	63	62	61	66.1
Production 1,000 bu	1,260	1,860	39,836	52,576
Soybeans				
Planted1,000 acres	2,150	2,250	87,195	88,025
Harvested1,000 acres	2,140	2,230	86,332	87,211
YieldBushels	51.0	47.0	51.4	51.9
Production 1,000 bu	109,140	104,810	4,435,232	4,530,561
Sugarbeets				
Planted1,000 acres	155.0	140.0	1,160.0	1,178.4
Harvested1,000 acres	142.0	137.0	1,107.6	1,146.1
Yield Tons	37.4	31.0	33.2	29.2
Production1,000 tons	5,311	4,247	36,751	33,486
Wheat, winter				
Planted1,000 acres	610	470	33,648	34,006
Harvested1,000 acres	560	425	25,464	25,002
YieldBushels	81	84	50	47.9
Production 1,000 bu	45,360	35,700	1,277,365	1,197,650