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August Crop Production



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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2021 August Agricultural Yield Survey** and are based on conditions as of August 1.
Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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Corn production for grain in the United States is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 174.6 bushels per harvested acre. Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.34 billion bushels, up 5 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 17.3 million 480-pound bales, up 18 percent from 2020.

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

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 56.1 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2020. The average corn yield is forecast at 165 bushels per harvested acre, up 7 bushels from the previous year. Cotton production, at 780,000 bales, is up 6 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 708 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2020. The average peanut yield is forecast at a record high 4,000 pounds per harvested acre, up 500 pounds from last year. Soybean production, at 13.5 million bushels, is up 20 percent from 2020. The average soybean yield is forecast at 43 bushels per harvested acre, up 2 bushels from last year.

Florida: Cotton production is forecast at 140,000 bales, up 36 percent from 2020. Peanut production is forecast at 644 million pounds, up 15 percent from 2020. The average peanut yield is forecast at 3,900 pounds per harvested acre, up 500 pounds from last year. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 17.3 million tons, down 8 percent from 2020.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 71.4 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2020. The average corn yield is forecast at 170 bushels per harvested acre, a 10 bushel decrease from the previous year. Cotton production, at 2.30 million bales, is up 6 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at a record high 3.61 billion pounds, up 10 percent from 2020. The average peanut yield is forecast at 4,400 pounds per harvested acre, up 300 pounds from 2020. Soybean production, at 5.04 million bushels, is up 29 percent from last year. The average soybean yield is forecast at 42 bushels per harvested acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Tobacco production is forecast at 18.4 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year to the lowest production total since 1932. Peach production is forecast at 36,000 tons, up 8 percent from 2020.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at a record high 53.6 million bushels, up 7 percent from 2020. The average corn yield is forecast at 134 bushels per harvested acre, an increase of 2 bushels from last year. Cotton production, at 370,000 bales, is up 24 percent from 2020. Peanut production is forecast at 248 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2020. The average peanut yield is forecast at a record high 4,000 pounds per harvested acre, up 600 pounds from 2020. Soybean production, at 12.2 million bushels, is up 16 percent from last year. The average soybean yield is forecast at 33 bushels per harvested acre, down 2 bushels from last year. Tobacco production, at 16.0 million pounds, is up 90 percent from 2020. Peach production is forecast at 84,000 tons, up 10 percent from 2020.

Peach Production – States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted August 1, 2021

[Current year estimates are for the full 2021 crop year]

State	Total production	
	2020 (tons)	2021 (tons)
Georgia	33,400	36,000
South Carolina.....	76,500	84,000
United States.....	617,760	696,500

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, August 2021

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted August 1, 2021

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹ (bushels)								
Alabama.....	330	350	320	340	158.0	165.0	50,560	56,100
Florida ²	100	100	61	60	138.0		8,418	
Georgia.....	420	460	390	420	180.0	170.0	70,200	71,400
South Carolina.....	400	430	380	400	132.0	134.0	50,160	53,600
United States	90,819	92,692	82,467	84,495	172.0	174.6	14,182,479	14,750,368
Cotton, all ³ (bales)								
Alabama.....	450.0	410.0	446.0	405.0	790	924	734.0	780.0
Florida.....	98.0	90.0	93.0	88.0	532	764	103.0	140.0
Georgia.....	1,190.0	1,200.0	1,180.0	1,190.0	887	928	2,180.0	2,300.0
South Carolina.....	190.0	200.0	179.0	195.0	802	911	299.0	370.0
United States	12,092.0	11,719.0	8,274.5	10,355.5	847	800	14,607.5	17,264.0
Hay, all other (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	750	750	3.10	3.60	2,325	2,700
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	280	290	3.00		840	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	570	560	3.00	2.60	1,710	1,456
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(NA)	310	280	2.40		744	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	36,008	35,414	2.05	2.00	73,745	70,927
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	185.0	180.0	182.0	177.0	3,500	4,000	637,000	708,000
Florida.....	175.0	175.0	165.0	165.0	3,400	3,900	561,000	643,500
Georgia.....	810.0	830.0	800.0	820.0	4,100	4,400	3,280,000	3,608,000
South Carolina.....	85.0	65.0	82.0	62.0	3,400	4,000	278,800	248,000
United States	1,664.2	1,632.5	1,615.8	1,586.5	3,796	4,183	6,133,900	6,635,800
Soybeans (bushels)								
Alabama.....	280	320	275	315	41.0	43.0	11,275	13,545
Georgia.....	100	130	95	120	41.0	42.0	3,895	5,040
South Carolina.....	310	390	300	370	35.0	33.0	10,500	12,210
United States	83,084	87,555	82,318	86,720	50.2	50.0	4,135,477	4,338,853
Sugarcane ⁴ (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	423.3	405.0	44.4	42.7	18,795	17,294
United States	(NA)	(NA)	947.6	932.0	38.1	36.8	36,100	34,305
Tobacco (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	7.9	8.0	2,440	2,300	19,276	18,400
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	8.0	1,400	2,000	8,400	16,000
United States	(NA)	(NA)	198.1	224.1	1,966	2,096	389,413	469,725

(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 2021 Summary](#), released January 2022.

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](#), August 2021