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This report contains the results from the farmer reported **2021 September Agricultural Yield and Cotton Objective Yield survey**. 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 in the United States is forecast at 15.0 billion bushels. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 176.3 bushels per acre. Soybean production is forecast at 4.37 billion bushels, with an expected yield of 50.6 bushels per acre. All cotton production in the United States is forecast at 18.5 million 480-pound bales, with an expected yield of 895 pounds per acre.

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

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).

Alabama: Corn production for grain is forecast at 56.4 million bushels, up less than 1 percent from last month, and up 12 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 166 bushels per acre. Cotton planted acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 405,000 acres with production forecast at 770,000 bales, up 5 percent from last year. Peanut acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 185,000 acres planted with production forecast at 728 million pounds, up 14 percent from 2020. Yield is forecast at 4,000 pounds per acre and represents a record high if realized. Soybean acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 310,000 acres planted with production forecast at 13.4 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month, but up 19 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 44 bushels per acre.

Florida: Cotton acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 91,000 acres planted with production forecast at 150,000 bales, up 7 percent from last month and up 46 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 809 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 170,000 acres planted. Production is forecast at 624 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. Sugarcane production is forecast at 17.3 million tons, down 8 percent from 2020.

Georgia: Corn acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 480,000 acres planted and 440,000 harvested for grain. Production is forecast at 75.7 million bushels, up 6 percent from last month and up 8 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 172 bushels per acre. Cotton acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 1.17 million acres planted with production forecast at 2.20 million bales, up 1 percent from last year. Peanut acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 760,000 acres planted. Production is forecast at 3.30 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent from a year ago. Soybean acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 140,000 acres planted with production forecast at 5.46 million bushels, up 40 percent from last year. Tobacco production is forecast at 16.0 million pounds, down 13 percent from last month and the lowest production in Georgia since 1932. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 2,000 pounds per acre.

South Carolina: Corn acreage is revised down from the previous estimate to 420,000 acres planted and 390,000 harvested for grain. Production is forecast at 52.3 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2020 and would be a new state record if realized. Cotton acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 210,000 acres planted with production forecast at 405,000 bales, up 9 percent from last month and up 35 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 948 pounds per acre. Peanut acreage is revised up from the previous estimate to 69,000 planted acres. Production is forecast at 264 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2020. Yield is forecast at 4,000 pounds per acre and would represent a record high if realized. Soybean production, at 12.2 million bushels, is a 16 percent increase from last year. Tobacco production, at 16.0 million pounds, is up 90 percent from last year driven by a substantial increase in harvested acres and yield from 2020.

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

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021		2020	2021
						August 1	September 1		
	(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	166.0	50,560	56,440
Florida ²	100	100	61	60	138.0			8,418	
Georgia.....	420	480	390	440	180.0	170.0	172.0	70,200	75,680
South Carolina.....	400	420	380	390	132.0	134.0	134.0	50,160	52,260
United States	90,819	93,304	82,467	85,085	172.0	174.6	176.3	14,182,479	14,996,417
Cotton, all ³ .. (bales)									
Alabama	450.0	405.0	446.0	400.0	790	924	924	734.0	770.0
Florida	98.0	91.0	93.0	89.0	532	764	809	103.0	150.0
Georgia.....	1,190.0	1,170.0	1,180.0	1,160.0	887	928	910	2,180.0	2,200.0
South Carolina.....	190.0	210.0	179.0	205.0	802	911	948	299.0	405.0
United States	12,092.0	11,190.5	8,274.5	9,921.7	847	800	895	14,607.5	18,509.0
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	185.0	185.0	182.0	182.0	3,500	4,000	4,000	637,000	728,000
Florida	175.0	170.0	165.0	160.0	3,400	3,900	3,900	561,000	624,000
Georgia.....	810.0	760.0	800.0	750.0	4,100	4,400	4,400	3,280,000	3,300,000
South Carolina.....	85.0	69.0	82.0	66.0	3,400	4,000	4,000	278,800	264,000
United States	1,664.2	1,580.0	1,615.8	1,533.0	3,796	4,183	4,141	6,133,900	6,348,150
Soybeans . (bushels)									
Alabama.....	280	310	275	305	41.0	43.0	44.0	11,275	13,420
Georgia	100	140	95	130	41.0	42.0	42.0	3,895	5,460
South Carolina...	310	390	300	370	35.0	33.0	33.0	10,500	12,210
United States	83,084	87,235	82,318	86,436	50.2	50.0	50.6	4,135,477	4,373,927
Sugarcane ⁴ .. (tons)									
Florida	(NA)	(NA)	423.3	405.0	44.4	42.7	42.7	18,795	17,294
United States	(NA)	(NA)	947.6	931.0	38.1	36.8	37.3	36,100	34,732
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	7.9	8.0	2,440	2,300	2,000	19,276	16,000
South Carolina.....	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	8.0	1,400	2,000	2,000	8,400	16,000
United States	(NA)	(NA)	198.1	223.2	1,966	2,096	2,102	389,413	469,090

(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](#), September 2021