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This report contains the results from the farmer-reported **2023 August Agricultural Yield Survey**. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

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United States: Corn production for grain in the United States is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 10 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 175.1 bushels per harvested acre. Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.21 billion bushels nationally, down 2 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 50.9 bushels per harvested acre. All cotton production in the United States is forecast at 14.0 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from 2022. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 779 pounds per harvested acre.

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

Alabama: Corn for grain production is forecast at 55.7 million bushels, up 63 percent from 2022. Cotton production, at 705,000 bales, is down 15 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 576 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2022. Soybean production, at 16.6 million bushels, is up 14 percent from 2022.

Florida: Cotton production at 155,000 bales, is down 6 percent from 2022. Peanut production is forecast at 627 million pounds, up 13 percent from 2022. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 18.5 million tons, up 3 percent from 2022.

Georgia: Corn for grain production is forecast at 74.8 million bushels, up 11 percent from 2022. Cotton production, at 2.55 million bales, is down 4 percent from last year. Peanut production is forecast at 3.25 billion pounds, up 12 percent from 2022. Soybean production, at 6.93 million bushels, is up 6 percent from last year. Tobacco production is forecast at 14.1 million pounds, up 12 percent from last year. Peach production is forecast at 5,500 tons, down 78 percent from 2022. If realized, Georgia peach production would be the lowest since 1996.

South Carolina: Corn for grain production is forecast at 51.1 million bushels, up 40 percent from 2022. Cotton production, at 390,000 bales, is down 23 percent from 2022. Peanut production is forecast at 312 million pounds, up 9 percent from 2022. Soybean production, at 16.2 million bushels, is up 12 percent from last year. Tobacco production, at 11.6 million pounds, is unchanged from 2022. Peach production is forecast at 23,000 tons, down 66 percent from 2022. If realized, South Carolina peach production would be the lowest since 2017.

Peach Production – States and United States: 2022 and Forecasted August 1, 2023

State	Total production	
	2022 (tons)	2023 (tons)
Georgia	24,800	5,500
South Carolina.....	67,400	23,000
United States.....	625,680	543,000

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), August 2023

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2022 and Forecasted August 1, 2023

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹ (bushels)								
Alabama.....	300	360	290	350	118.0	159.0	34,220	55,650
Florida ²	85	100	56	60	164.0		9,184	
Georgia.....	425	480	385	430	175.0	174.0	67,375	74,820
South Carolina	320	390	300	370	122.0	138.0	36,600	51,060
United States	88,579	94,096	79,207	86,322	173.3	175.1	13,729,719	15,110,787
Cotton, all ³ (bales)								
Alabama.....	435.0	380.0	430.0	375.0	930	902	833.0	705.0
Florida.....	106.0	90.0	103.0	88.0	769	845	165.0	155.0
Georgia.....	1,290.0	1,200.0	1,270.0	1,190.0	1,002	1,029	2,650.0	2,550.0
South Carolina	270.0	230.0	266.0	225.0	911	832	505.0	390.0
United States	13,761.0	11,087.0	7,307.7	8,623.6	950	779	14,468.0	13,992.0
Hay, all other ⁴ (tons)								
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	680	680	2.70	3.10	1,836	2,108
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	310	300	2.60		806	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	550	570	2.80	3.20	1,540	1,824
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(NA)	270	270	2.20		594	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	34,633	36,318	1.87	1.92	64,843	69,894
Peanuts (pounds)								
Alabama.....	165.0	170.0	162.0	167.0	3,450	3,450	558,900	576,150
Florida.....	150.0	175.0	142.0	165.0	3,900	3,800	553,800	627,000
Georgia.....	685.0	760.0	680.0	755.0	4,250	4,300	2,890,000	3,246,500
South Carolina	71.0	85.0	68.0	82.0	4,200	3,800	285,600	311,600
United States	1,450.3	1,578.0	1,385.4	1,537.0	4,019	4,047	5,568,150	6,219,850
Soybeans..... (bushels)								
Alabama.....	360	400	355	395	41.0	42.0	14,555	16,590
Georgia.....	165	170	160	165	41.0	42.0	6,560	6,930
South Carolina	405	440	390	425	37.0	38.0	14,430	16,150
United States	87,450	83,505	86,336	82,696	49.5	50.9	4,276,123	4,205,450
Sugarcane ⁵ (tons)								
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	401.9	398.0	44.6	46.4	17,931	18,467
United States	(NA)	(NA)	930.2	927.0	37.3	37.7	34,671	34,922
Tobacco..... (pounds)								
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	6.4	2,100	2,200	12,600	14,080
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	5.8	5.8	2,000	2,000	11,600	11,600
United States	(NA)	(NA)	201.8	196.9	2,217	2,257	447,367	444,408

(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 2023 Summary](#), released January 2024.

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

⁴ Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures included in all other hay.

⁵ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Crop Production](#), August 2023