

Based on September 1 conditions, Nebraska's corn crop is forecast at a record high 1.55 billion bushels, two percent above last month and 11 percent above last year according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. Yield is forecast at a record high 169 bushels per acre, three bushels above last month, six bushels above last year, and three bushels above the previous high set in 2004. Acres to be harvested for grain, at 9.15 million, are up seven percent from a year ago.

Soybean production in Nebraska is forecast at 237 million bushels, up four percent from last month and five percent above last year. Yield is forecast at 51 bushels per acre, up two bushels from August and 4.5 bushels above 2008, tying the record high set in 2007. Acres for harvest, at 4.65 million, are unchanged from last month but down four percent from a year ago.

Sorghum production in Nebraska is forecast at 14.9 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast but down 22 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 90 bushels per acre, unchanged from previous month but one bushel below last year. Acres for harvest, at 165,000, are unchanged from last month but 45,000 below 2008.

Sugarbeet production of 1.16 million tons is down eight percent from last month but up 37 percent from 2008. Yield, at 22.0 tons per acre, is down 2.0 tons from last month and 0.6 ton below a year ago.