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INDIANA SOYBEAN AND WHEAT PRODUCTION UP, WHILE CORN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Based on conditions August 1, Indiana's 2008 corn production is forecast at 877.4 million bushels, down 11 percent from the 987.4 million bushels produced in 2007. The expected yield of 164 bushels per acre is up 9 bushels from 2007. The 5.35 million acres for harvest is 16 percent below the acreage harvested last year. As of August 3, corn condition was rated 67 percent good to excellent.

Soybean production is forecast at 255.3 million bushels, up 21 percent from the 210.6 million bushels produced in 2007. The expected yield of 46 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel from last year. The acreage expected to be harvested for beans, at 5.55 million acres, is up 19 percent from 2007 and up 7 percent from the June estimate. As of August 3, soybean condition was rated 63 percent good to excellent.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 36.6 million bushels, up 3 percent from July 1 and up 73 percent from last year's level of 21.1 million bushels. The average yield is estimated at 69 bushels per acre. This average is 2 bushels per acre above the previous month's yield, and 12 bushels above last year's yield of 57 bushels per acre. Area for harvest at 530,000 acres is unchanged from July's forecast, and up 43 percent from the previous year's acreage of 370,000.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year but 17 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 155.0 bushels per acre, up 3.9 bushels from last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the second highest on record, behind last year when producers harvested the most acres of corn for grain since 1933. Forecasted yields are higher than last year in the northern and eastern Corn Belt, Ohio and Tennessee Valleys, and northern half of the Atlantic Coast where frequent precipitation this year contrasted with extremely dry weather last year. Expected yields across the southern half of the Great Plains and the Carolinas are below last year due to drought-like conditions throughout much of the growing season. Growers expect to harvest 79.3 million acres for grain, up 350,000 acres from June but 8 percent lower than last year.

National soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 15 percent from last year but down 7 percent from the record high production of 2006. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.5 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from 2007. Compared with last year, yields are forecast lower in Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Texas, and across the northern and central Great Plains. In contrast, yield prospects are forecast higher than last year or unchanged across the remainder of the country, with the largest increases in Kentucky and Tennessee, up 13 and 12 bushels from last year, respectively. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, up 2 percent from June and up 17 percent from 2007.

U.S. all wheat production, at 2.46 billion bushels, is virtually unchanged from the July forecast but up 19 percent from 2007. Based on August 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but 3.0 bushels above last year.

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Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		Тс		Unit	
	2007	2008	08/07	2007	2008	2007	2008	08/07	
	Thousands		Percent			Thousands		Percent	
Indiana									
Corn for Grain	6,370	5,350	84	155	164	987,350	877,400	89	Bu
Soybeans	4,680	5,550	119	45	46	210,600	255,300	121	Bu
Winter Wheat	370	530	143	57	69	21,090	36,570	173	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	320	320	100	2.70	4.00	864	1,280	148	Tons
Other Hay	340	320	94	2.00	2.60	680	832	122	Tons
Apples						33,000	42,000	127	Lbs
United States									
Corn for Grain	86,542	79,290	92	151.1	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875	94	Bu
Soybeans	62,820	73,341	117	41.2	40.5	2,585,207	2,972,577	115	Bu
Winter Wheat	35,952	40,252	112	42.2	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857	124	Bu
Oats	1,505	1,443	96	60.9	62.3	91,599	89,897	98	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	21,670	20,778	96	3.35	3.41	72,575	70,944	98	Tons
Other Hay	39,955	39,661	99	1.95	1.94	77,729	77,011	99	Tons
Tobacco	356.0	350.4	98	2,191	2,271	779,899	796,009	102	Lbs
Apples						9,113,900	9,165,200	101	Lbs