

## Corn yield better than last month, last year and 2007

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Based on Oct. 1 conditions, Nebraska's corn crop is forecast at a record high 1.58 billion bushels, up 2% from last month, 14% above last year and 8% above the previous high set in 2007, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Yield is forecast at a record high 178 bushels per acre, nine bushels above last month, 15 bushels above last year and 12 bushels above the previous high set in 2004. Area to be harvested for grain was decreased 250,000 acres to 8.9 million, 4% above a year ago.

Soybean production is forecast at 247 million bushels, 4% above last month, 9% above last year, and the second highest of record.

Yield is forecast at a record high 52 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and 1 bushel above the previous high set in 2007. Area for harvest, at 4.75 million acres, was increased 100,000 acres, down 2% from 2008.

Sorghum production is forecast at 12.6 million bushels, down 15% from last month due to a decrease in harvested acres, 34% below a year ago and the smallest since 1956.

Yield at 90 bushels per acre is unchanged from the previous month but down 1 bushel from last year.

Sunflower production is down 19% due to decreased acreage and reduced yield from a year ago. Dry edible bean production is down 2% from last year.

Sugarbeet production is up 37% from 2008, a result of more acres for harvest. Alfalfa hay production is forecast to be 4% higher and all other hay production is up 6% compared to a year ago.

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Acreage updates to planted and harvested acres were made from levels published in the September Crop Production Report based on a review of administrative data.