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This morning USDA released its August 2012 Crop Production and WASDE reports. Here is a look at all the key numbers:

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USDA August 2012 U-S Crop Production Report in billions of bushels (released August 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST)

Crop	USDA August Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA July Estimate
Corn:	-	-	-	-
Production	10.779	10.971	9.860 - 11.750	12.970
Yield	123.4	126.2	117.6 - 134.0	146.0
Soybeans:	-	-	-	-
Production	2.692	2.786	2.400 - 2.925	3.050
Yield	36.1	37.20	32.0 - 39.0	40.5

USDA August 2012 U-S Wheat Crop Production report in billions of bushels (released August 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST)

Crop	USDA August Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA July Estimate
All Wheat	2.288	2.200	2.112 - 2.294	2.224
All Winter Wheat	1.683	1.665	1.610 - 1.707	1.670
Other Spring Wheat	0.4495	0.488	0.444 - 0.542	0.472
Durum	0.086	0.084	0.079 - 0.092	0.082

From the August 2012 Crop Production report:

CORN: Corn production is forecast at 10.8 billion bushels, down 13 percent from 2011 and the lowest production since 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 123.4 bushels per acre, down 23.8 bushels from 2011. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.4 million acres, down 2 percent from the June forecast but up 4 percent from 2011.

SOYBEANS: Soybean production is forecast at 2.69 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 36.1 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 74.6 million acres, down 1 percent from June but up 1 percent from 2011.

WHEAT: All wheat production, at 2.27 billion bushels, is up 2 percent from the July forecast and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 46.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month and up 2.8 bushels from last year.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, up 1 percent from July and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at a record high 48.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and 1.8 bushels higher than last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.0 million acres,

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unchanged from last month but up 8 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 1.01 billion bushels, is up slightly from a month ago. Soft Red Winter production is up 1 percent from the previous forecast and now

totals 435 million bushels. White Winter production totals 236 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month. Of this total, 13.9 million bushels are Hard White and 222 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 86.0 million bushels, up 5 percent from July and up 70 percent from 2011. The United States yield is forecast at 40.5 bushels per acre, up 1.9 bushels from last month and up 2.0 bushels

from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 2.12 million acres, unchanged from last month, but up 62 percent from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 500 million bushels, up 6 percent from the July forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 11.7 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 3 percent from last year. The United States yield is

forecast at 42.8 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month and 5.1 bushels above 2011. Of the total production, 463 million bushels are Hard Red Spring Wheat, up 6 percent from last month and up 16 percent from last year.

To view the full USDA August 2012 Crop Production report go to:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1046/>

USDA August 2012 U-S Ending Stocks for 2011-12 in billions of bushels (released August 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST)				
Crop	USDA August Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA July Estimate
Corn	1.021	0.945	0.903 - 1.128	0.902
Soybeans	0.145	0.157	0.138 - 0.200	0.170

USDA August 2012 U-S Ending Stocks for 2012-13 in billions of bushels (released August 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST)				
Crop	USDA August Estimate	Average Guess	Range	USDA July Estimate
Corn	0.650	0.651	0.400 - 0.800	1.183
Soybeans	0.115	0.115	0.095 - 0.140	0.130
Wheat	0.698	0.681	0.600 - 0.718	0.644

From the August 2012 WASDE report:

CORN: U.S. feed grain supplies for 2012/13 are projected sharply lower again this month with corn production forecast 2.2 billion bushels lower and sorghum production forecast 92 million bushels lower. The forecast U.S. corn yield is reduced 22.6 bushels per acre to 123.4 bushels as extreme heat and dryness continued, and in many areas worsened, during July across the Plains and Corn Belt. As forecast, the 2012/13 corn yield would be the lowest since 1995/96.

Corn area harvested for grain is also lowered, down 1.5 million acres from the last month's forecast that was based on the June *Acreage* report. The U.S. sorghum yield is forecast 16.3 bushels per acre lower at 48.6 bushels as drought stressed sorghum from the Central Plains to the Corn Belt. Sorghum harvested area is also lowered slightly.

U.S. corn production for 2012/13 is forecast at 10.8 billion bushels, the lowest since 2006/07. Relatively small increases in carryin and imports only partly offset this month's substantial reduction in crop size. Ending stocks for 2011/12 are projected 118 million bushels higher with lower expected exports, reduced corn use for ethanol, and a small increase in imports. Imports for 2012/13 are also raised, up 45 million bushels to 75 million, reflecting strong domestic corn prices and competitively priced foreign supplies. Total U.S. corn supplies for 2012/13 are projected down 2.0 billion bushels and at a 9-year low.

This month's large reduction in U.S. corn supplies and the sharply higher price outlook are expected to further reduce 2012/13 corn usage. Total use is projected 1.5 billion bushels lower and at 11.2 billion would be a 6-year low. The biggest reduction again this month is for feed and residual disappearance, projected down 725 million bushels. Food, seed, and industrial (FSI) use is also projected lower, down 470 million bushels, mostly reflecting a 400-million-bushel reduction in corn used to produce ethanol. Reductions in other food and industrial uses account for the remainder of the FSI decline. Ending stocks for 2012/13 are projected at 650 million bushels, 533 million lower and the smallest carryout since 1995/96. The 2012/13 season-average farm price for corn is projected at a record \$7.50 to \$8.90 per bushel, up sharply from the \$5.40 to \$6.40 per bushel projected in July. Projected farm prices for the other feed grains are also raised.

SOYBEANS:

U.S. oilseed production for 2012/13 is projected at 83.4 million tons, down 9.4 million from last month, as a lower soybean production estimate is only partly offset by higher crops of peanuts and cottonseed. Soybean production for 2012/13 is projected at 2.7 billion bushels, down 358 million due to lower harvested area and yields. Harvested area is projected at 74.6 million acres, down 0.7 million from the July projection. The


first survey-based soybean yield forecast of 36.1 bushels per acre is 4.4 bushels below last month's projection and 5.4 bushels below last year's yield. Soybean supplies for 2012/13 are projected 12 percent below last month to a 9-year low on lower production and reduced beginning stocks. Soybean exports are reduced 260 million bushels to 1.11 billion bushels. Soybean crush is also reduced as higher prices reduce domestic use and prospective exports for both soybean meal and oil. Soybean ending stocks are projected at 115 million bushels, down 15 million.

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U.S. changes for 2011/12 include increased soybean crush and exports and reduced ending stocks. Crush is increased 15 million bushels to 1.69 billion reflecting increased exports and domestic use of soybean meal. Soybean exports are increased 10 million to 1.35 billion bushels reflecting strong shipments in recent weeks. Soybean ending stocks are projected at 145 million bushels, down 25 million.

Soybean and product prices for 2012/13 are all raised to record levels this month, reflecting the impact of sharply reduced soybean and corn production. The U.S. season-average soybean price is projected at \$15.00 to \$17.00 per bushel, up \$2.00 on both ends. Soybean meal prices are projected at \$460 to \$490 per short ton compared with \$365 to \$395 last month. Soybean oil prices are projected at 53 to 57 cents per pound, up 0.5 cents on both ends.

WHEAT: U.S. wheat supplies for 2012/13 are raised 54 million bushels with higher forecast production and an increase in projected imports. Production is forecast 44 million bushels higher with increased yields for winter wheat, durum, and other spring wheat. Feed and residual use is projected 20 million bushels higher, reflecting the tighter supply situation for corn. Ending stocks for 2012/13 are projected 34 million bushels higher. The projected range for the 2012/13 season average farm price is raised substantially to \$7.60 to \$9.00 per bushel, compared with \$6.20 to \$7.40 per bushel last month, as tighter foreign wheat supplies and sharply higher corn prices raise price prospects for the remainder of the marketing year.

USDA August 2012 World Supply and Demand Estimates in millions of metric tons (released August 10, 2012, 7:30 a.m. CST)

Crop	USDA August 2012-13 Estimate	USDA July 2012-13 Estimate	USDA August 2011-12 Estimate	USDA July 2011-12 Estimate
Argentina Wheat	11.50	12.00	15.00	14.50
Australia Wheat	26.00	26.00	29.50	29.50
China Wheat	118.00	118.00	117.92	117.92
India Wheat	93.90	91.00	86.87	86.87
EU-27 Wheat	132.90	133.14	137.40	137.38
FSU-12 Wheat	82.96	88.56	114.42	114.42
Argentina Corn	28.00	25.00	21.00	21.00
Brazil Corn	70.00	67.00	72.80	70.00
South Africa Corn	13.50	13.00	11.50	11.50
China Corn	200.00	195.00	192.78	192.78
Argentina Soybeans	55.00	55.00	41.00	41.00
Brazil Soybeans	81.00	78.00	65.50	65.50

From the August 2012 WASDE report:

CORN: Global 2012/13 corn trade is projected sharply lower this month in response to tighter U.S. supplies and higher prices. Corn imports are lowered for China, EU-27, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Vietnam, Israel, Colombia, Peru, and Syria. In addition to the United States, corn exports are reduced for Ukraine, EU-27, and Serbia. Partly offsetting are export increases for Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, and Canada. Global corn consumption is projected 38.9 million tons lower with the United States accounting for more than three-fourths of the reduction. Foreign corn feeding drops 8.8 million tons with only part of the decline offset by higher wheat feeding. Corn feeding is lowered for EU-27, India, Canada, Japan,

South Korea, Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, Israel, and Indonesia. Global corn ending stocks are projected 10.8 million tons lower with increases for China, Brazil, and Argentina only partly making up for the large reduction in the United States and smaller reductions in a number of other countries.

SOYBEANS: Global oilseed production for 2012/13 is projected at 457.3 million tons, down 8.5 million tons from last month. Reductions for soybeans, sunflowerseed, peanuts, and cottonseed are only partly offset by increased rapeseed production. Lower soybean production is projected for the United States, Canada, and EU-27 due to lower yields resulting from hot, dry weather. Soybean production is raised for Brazil and Paraguay as producers are expected to respond to sharply higher prices with increased plantings. Brazil's soybean production is projected up 3 million tons at a record 81 million. Sunflowerseed production is reduced for EU-27, Ukraine, and Moldova due to the effects of hot, dry weather during the reproductive stage of the crops. Other changes include higher rapeseed production for EU-27 and Ukraine, lower rapeseed production for China and Australia, lower peanut production for India and Indonesia, and lower cottonseed production for India.

Global oilseed and meal production, trade, and consumption for 2012/13 are all reduced this month reflecting the impact of reduced oilseed supplies and higher prices. Projected soybean imports for China are reduced 1.5 million tons to 59.5 million as domestic soybean stocks contribute a larger component of soybean meal consumption. Soybean exports for Brazil and Argentina are forecast higher but only partly offset a reduction for the United States.

WHEAT: Global wheat supplies for 2012/13 are projected 2.1 million tons lower mostly reflecting a 3.7-million-ton reduction in foreign production. A small increase in 2012/13 world beginning stocks is partly offsetting with 2011/12 updates to trade and use for a number of countries. Lower expected production in the FSU-12 accounts for most of this month's decline in world output. Production is lowered 6.0 million tons for Russia on reduced area and yield prospects due to July heat and dryness across most of the spring wheat growing areas. Spring wheat in adjoining areas of Kazakhstan was also affected by the same adverse weather reducing production prospects 2.0 million tons. Other reductions this month include a 0.8-million-ton reduction for Turkey based on lower reported yields, a 0.5-million-ton reduction for Argentina reflecting lower expected area, a 0.3-million-ton reduction for Syria, and a 0.2-million-ton reduction for EU-27. Production is raised 2.9 million tons for India, 2.0 million tons for Ukraine, and 0.4 million tons each for Canada and Uzbekistan.

Global wheat consumption for 2012/13 is raised 3.2 million tons as a number of countries are expected to shift some of their livestock and poultry feeding from corn to wheat. Wheat feeding is raised 1.0 million tons each for EU-27 and Ukraine, 0.5 million tons each for South Korea and Vietnam, 0.3 million tons for Israel, and 0.2 million tons each for India and Thailand. Partly offsetting is a 0.5-million-ton reduction for Russia with lower expected production.

Global wheat imports for 2012/13 are raised with increases for several countries, in part, to support higher wheat feeding. Imports are raised 0.5 million tons each for EU-27, South Korea, and Vietnam, and raised 0.3 million tons for Israel. Imports are also raised 0.3 million tons for Brazil.

Global 2012/13 exports are raised, but much of the shift among countries also reflects reduced export prospects for Russia, which is lowered 4.0 million tons. Exports are raised 2.0 million tons for Ukraine, 1.0 million tons each for Canada and EU-27, 0.5 million tons each for Australia, Brazil, and Pakistan. Exports are lowered 0.7 million tons for Argentina, 0.5 million tons for Turkey, and 0.2 million tons for Uruguay. World ending stocks for 2012/13 are projected 5.3 million tons lower at 177.2 million.

To see the full August 2012 WASDE Report go to:

<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/>

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U.S. Wheat Supply and Use 1/

	2010/11	2011/12 Est.	2012/13 Proj.	2012/13 Proj.
			Jul	Aug
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	53.6	54.4	56.0	56.0
Area Harvested	47.6	45.7	48.8	48.8
			<i>Bushels</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	46.3	43.7	45.6	46.5
			<i>Million Bushels</i>	
Beginning Stocks	976	862	743	743
Production	2,207	1,999	2,224	2,268
Imports	97	112	120	130
Supply, Total	3,279	2,974	3,087	3,141
Food	926	941	950	950
Seed	71	77	73	73
Feed and Residual	132	163	200	220
Domestic, Total	1,128	1,181	1,223	1,243
Exports	1,289	1,050	1,200	1,200
Use, Total	2,417	2,231	2,423	2,443
Ending Stocks	862	743	664	698
CCC Inventory	0	0		
Free Stocks	862	743		
Outstanding Loans	15	0		
Avg. Farm Price (\$/bu) 2/	5.70	7.24	6.20 - 7.40	7.60 - 9.00

U.S. Wheat by Class: Supply and Use

Year beginning June 1		Hard Winter	Hard Spring	Soft Red	White	Durum	Total
		<i>Million Bushels</i>					
2011/12 (Est.)	Beginning Stocks	386	185	171	85	35	862
	Production	780	398	458	314	50	1,999
	Supply, Total 3/	1,166	618	661	406	122	2,974
	Domestic Use	452	225	311	124	70	1,181
	Exports	397	242	165	218	27	1,050
	Use, Total	849	467	476	342	97	2,231
	Ending Stocks, Total	317	151	185	64	26	743
2012/13 (Proj.)	Beginning Stocks	317	151	185	64	26	743
	Production	1,012	463	435	272	86	2,268
	Supply, Total 3/	1,330	654	660	345	152	3,141
	Domestic Use	482	246	311	121	83	1,243
	Exports	600	225	190	160	25	1,200
	Use, Total	1,082	471	501	281	108	2,443
	Ending Stocks, Total						
		Aug					
		Jul					
		248	183	159	64	44	698
		266	155	143	60	40	664

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning June 1. 2/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. 3/ Includes imports.

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U.S. Feed Grain and Corn Supply and Use 1/

FEED GRAINS	2010/11	2011/12 Est.	2012/13 Proj. Jul	2012/13 Proj. Aug
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	99.6	102.5	109.0 *	109.0
Area Harvested	90.0	91.1	98.4 *	96.8
			<i>Metric Tons</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	3.67	3.55	3.49	2.95
			<i>Million Metric Tons</i>	
Beginning Stocks	48.1	32.3	25.7	28.7
Production	330.0	323.5	343.8	285.9
Imports	2.4	2.6	2.7	4.1
Supply, Total	380.5	358.4	372.2	318.7
Feed and Residual	127.7	119.7	127.0	108.5
Food Seed & Industrial	170.0	169.0	167.4	155.1
Domestic, Total	297.6	288.7	294.4	263.6
Exports	50.7	41.0	44.5	35.8
Use, Total	348.3	329.7	338.8	299.5
Ending Stocks	32.3	28.7	33.4	19.2
CCC Inventory	0.0	0.0		
Free Stocks	32.3	28.7		
Outstanding Loans	1.3	1.1		
CORN				
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	88.2	91.9	96.4 *	96.4
Area Harvested	81.4	84.0	88.9 *	87.4
			<i>Bushels</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	152.8	147.2	146.0 *	123.4
			<i>Million Bushels</i>	
Beginning Stocks	1,708	1,128	903	1,021
Production	12,447	12,358	12,970	10,779
Imports	28	25	30	75
Supply, Total	14,182	13,511	13,903	11,875
Feed and Residual	4,793	4,550	4,800	4,075
Food, Seed & Industrial 2/	6,428	6,390	6,320	5,850
Ethanol & by-products 3/	5,021	5,000	4,900	4,500
Domestic, Total	11,221	10,940	11,120	9,925
Exports	1,834	1,550	1,600	1,300
Use, Total	13,055	12,490	12,720	11,225
Ending Stocks	1,128	1,021	1,183	650
CCC Inventory	0	0		
Free Stocks	1,128	1,021		
Outstanding Loans	48	40		
Avg. Farm Price (\$/bu) 4/	5.18	6.20 - 6.30	5.40 - 6.40	7.50 - 8.90

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for corn and sorghum; June 1 for barley and oats. 2/ For a breakout of FSI corn uses, see Feed Outlook table 5 or access the data on the Web through the Feed Grains Database at www.ers.usda.gov/data/feedgrains. 3/ Corn processed in ethanol plants to produce ethanol and by-products including distillers' grains, corn gluten feed, corn gluten meal, and corn oil. 4/ Marketing-year weighted average price received by farmers. * For July, corn planted and harvested area as reported in the June 29, 2012, "Acreage." Projected corn yield lowered to reflect expected impacts of persistent and extreme June and early July dryness and heat across the central and eastern Corn Belt.

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U.S. Soybeans and Products Supply and Use (Domestic Measure) 1/

SOYBEANS	2010/11	2011/12 Est.	2012/13 Proj.	2012/13 Proj.
			Jul	Aug
			<i>Million Acres</i>	
Area Planted	77.4	75.0	76.1 *	76.1
Area Harvested	76.6	73.6	75.3 *	74.6
			<i>Bushels</i>	
Yield per Harvested Acre	43.5	41.5	40.5 *	36.1
			<i>Million Bushels</i>	
Beginning Stocks	151	215	170	145
Production	3,329	3,056	3,050	2,692
Imports	14	15	15	20
Supply, Total	3,495	3,286	3,235	2,857
Crushings	1,648	1,690	1,610	1,515
Exports	1,501	1,350	1,370	1,110
Seed	87	88	89	89
Residual	44	13	35	27
Use, Total	3,280	3,141	3,105	2,742
Ending Stocks	215	145	130	115
Avg. Farm Price (\$/bu) 2/	11.30	12.45	13.00 - 15.00	15.00 - 17.00
SOYBEAN OIL				
			<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Beginning Stocks	3,406	2,425	2,660	2,585
Production 3/	18,888	19,625	18,400	17,315
Imports	159	185	195	195
Supply, Total	22,453	22,235	21,255	20,095
Domestic Disappearance	16,795	18,300	18,000	17,600
Exports	3,233	1,350	1,250	1,200
Use, Total	20,028	19,650	19,250	18,800
Ending stocks	2,425	2,585	2,005	1,295
Avg. Farm Price (c/lb) 2/	53.20	51.75	52.50 - 56.50	53.00 - 57.00
SOYBEAN MEAL				
			<i>Thousand Short Tons</i>	
Beginning Stocks	302	350	300	300
Production 3/	39,251	40,900	38,335	36,000
Imports	180	200	165	300
Supply, Total	39,732	41,450	38,800	36,600
Domestic Disappearance	30,301	31,650	30,400	29,300
Exports	9,081	9,500	8,100	7,000
Use, Total	39,382	41,150	38,500	36,300
Ending Stocks	350	300	300	300
Avg. Farm Price (\$/s.t.) 2/	345.52	390.00	365.00 - 395.00	460.00 - 490.00

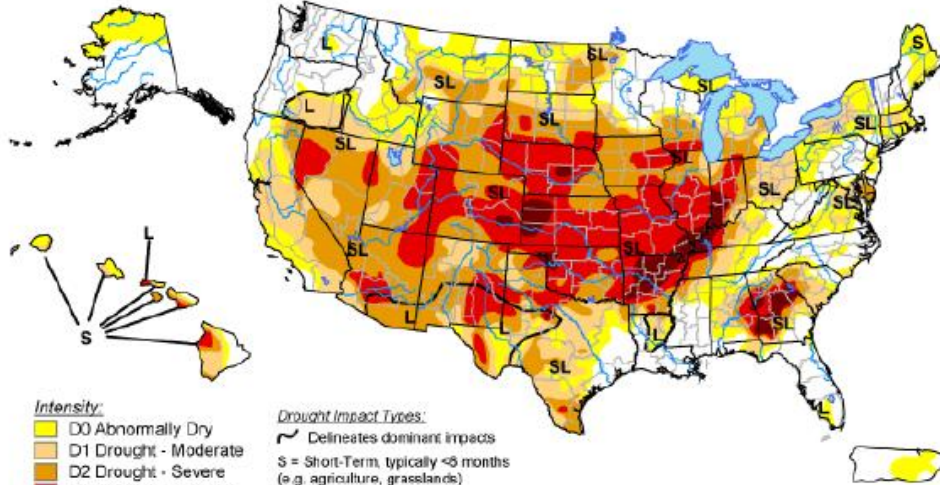
Note: Reliability calculations at end of report. 1/ Marketing year beginning September 1 for soybeans; October 1 for soybean oil and soybean meal. 2/ Prices: soybeans, marketing year weighted average price received by farmers; oil, simple average of crude soybean oil, Decatur; meal, simple average of 48 percent, Decatur. 3/ Current month projection for 2011/12 based on October year crush of 1,705 million bushels. *Planted and harvested acres from the June 29 Acreage report. Projected yield based on 1989 - 2010 trend analysis adjusted for weather and crop conditions through early July.

Key graphics from the USDA lock up briefing of Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack:



U.S. Drought Monitor

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Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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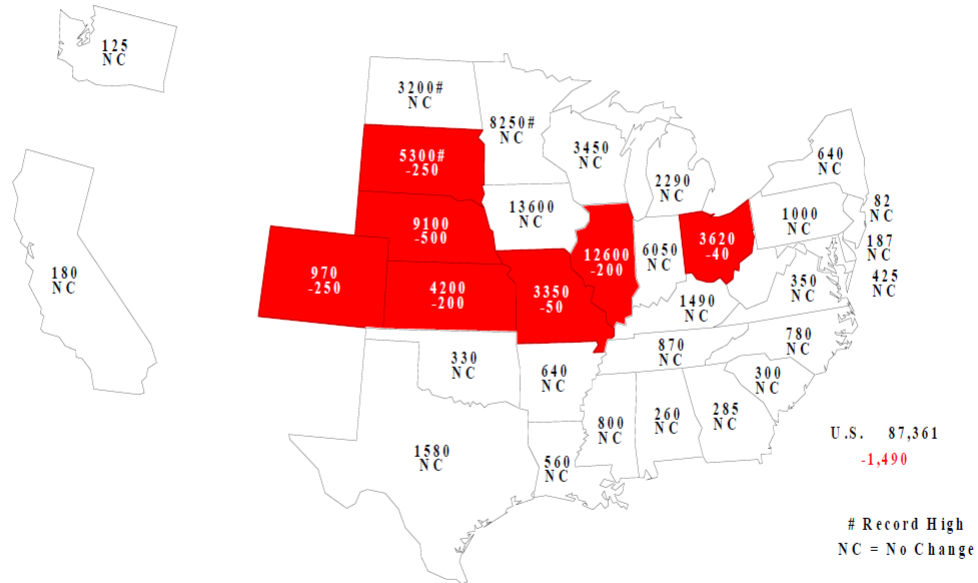
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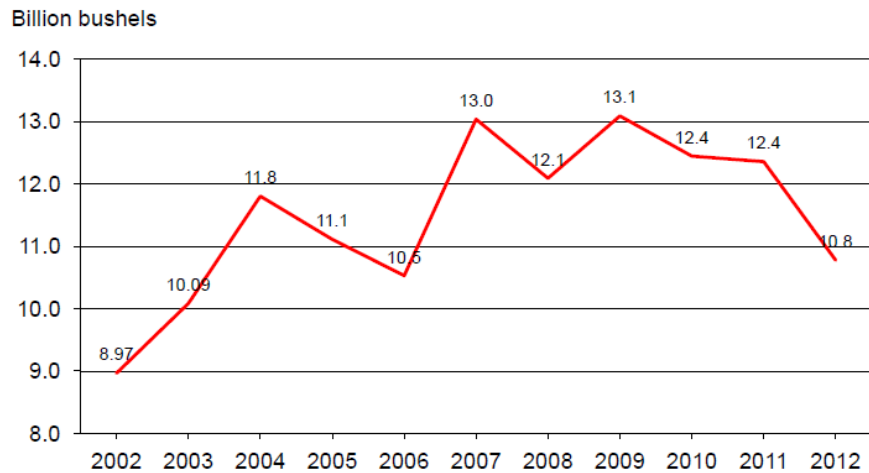
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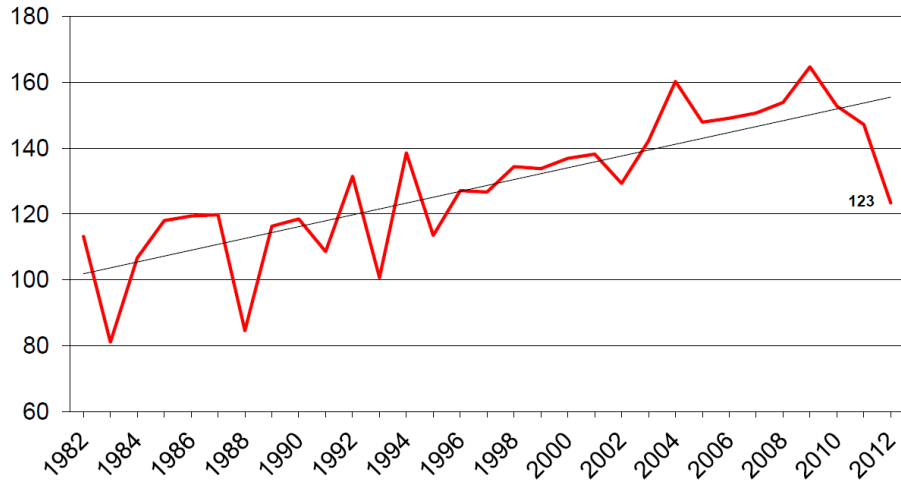
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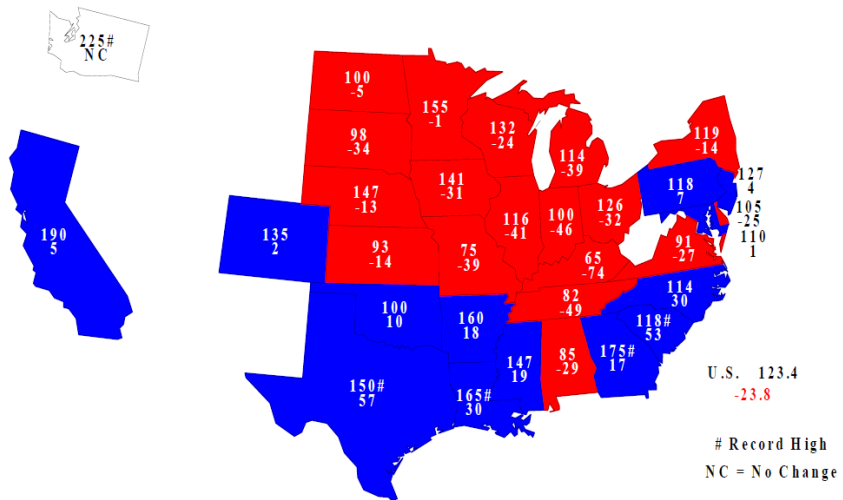
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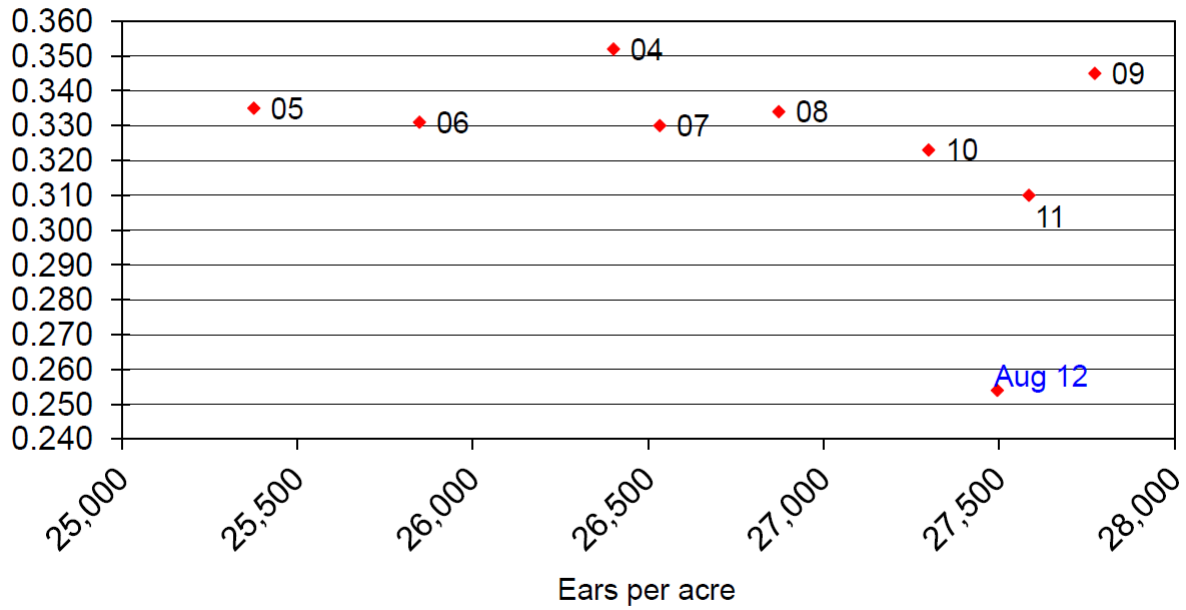


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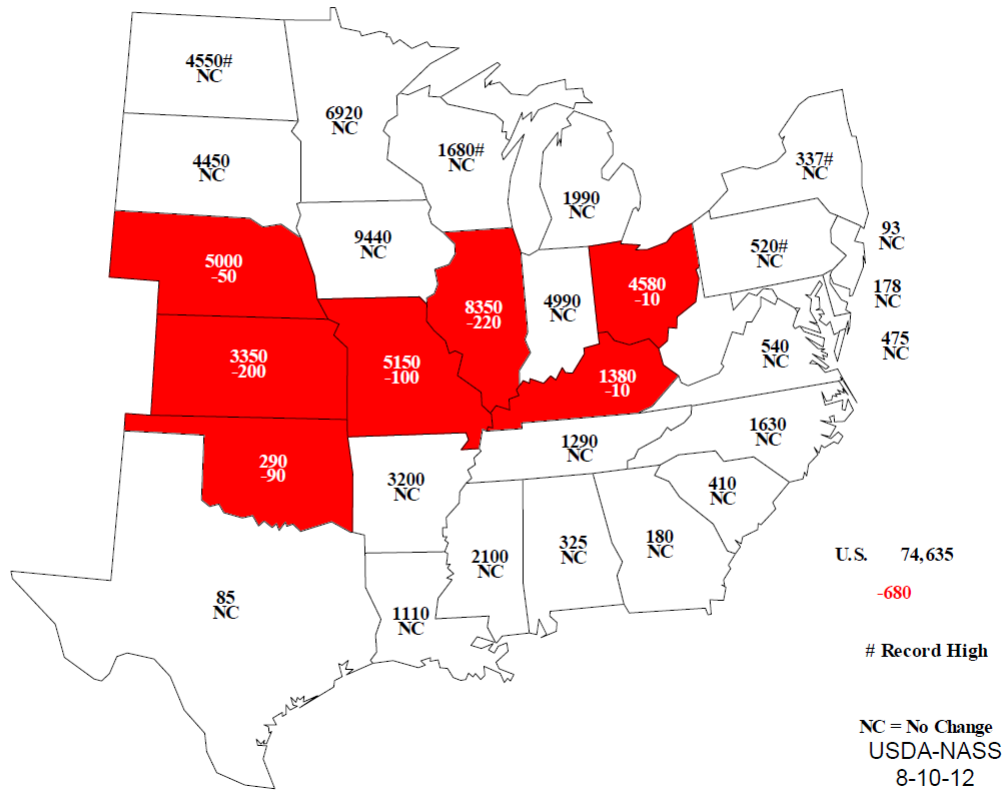
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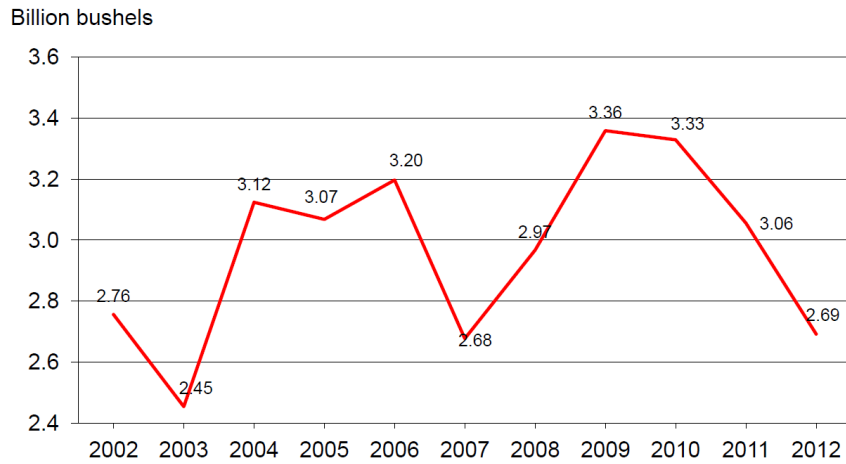
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2012 Soybeans Harvested Acres (000) and Change From Previous Forecast



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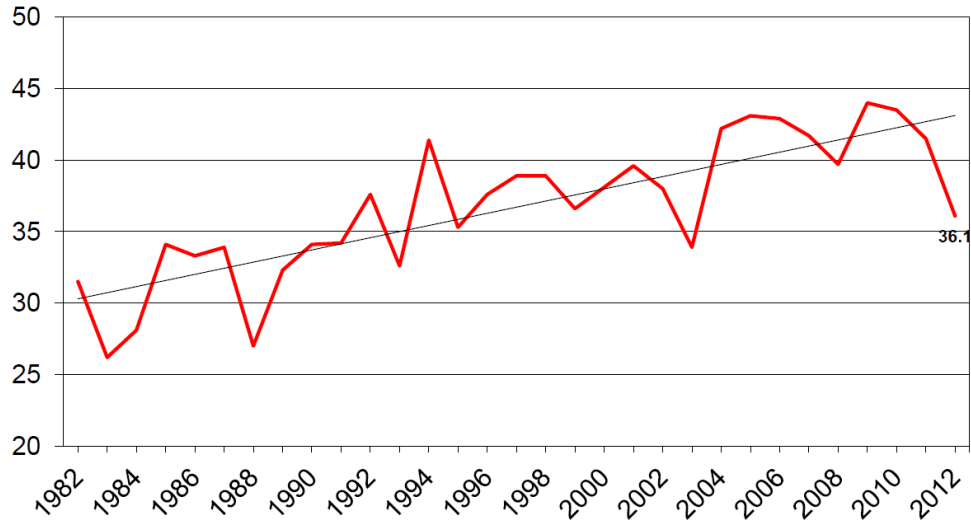
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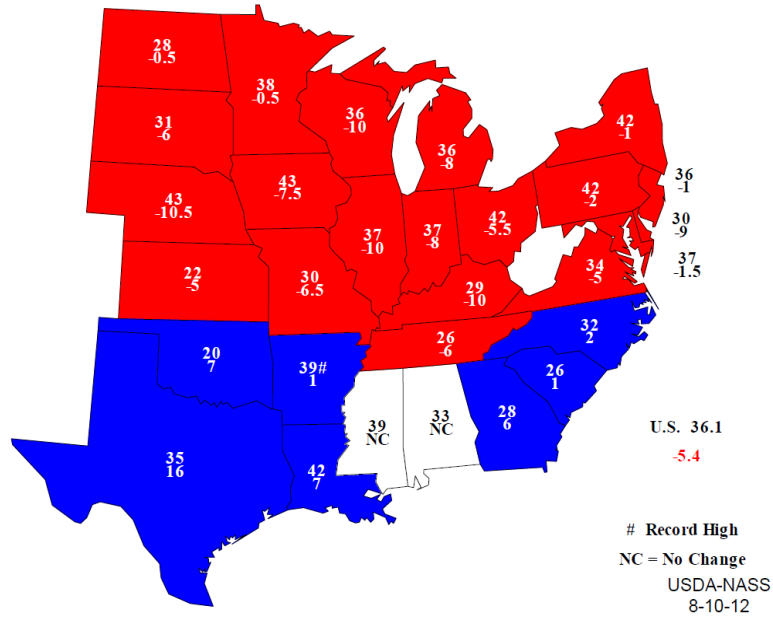
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Soybean Yields, August 1, 2012 Bushels and Change From Previous Year



World Corn Production

Country or Region	2011/12 estimate	2012/13 forecast	Change from previous month	Change from 2011/12
	<i>Million Tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
World	876.8	849.0	-6.2	-3.2
United States	313.9	273.8	-16.9	-12.8
Foreign	562.9	575.2	-0.1	2.2
Argentina	21.0	28.0	12.0	33.3
Brazil	72.8	70.0	4.5	-3.8
Mexico	18.1	21.5	2.4	18.8
Canada	10.7	12.8	-1.9	19.2
European Union	65.4	61.5	-6.0	-5.9
FSU-12	33.7	32.1	-11.6	-4.8
Ukraine	22.8	21.0	-12.5	-8.0
South Africa	11.5	13.5	3.8	17.4
China	192.8	200.0	2.6	3.7

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World Soybean Production

Country or Region	2011/12 estimate	2012/13 forecast	Change from previous month	Change from 2011/12
	<i>Million Tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
World	236.0	260.5	-2.5	10.4
United States	83.2	73.3	-11.7	-11.9
Foreign	152.9	187.2	1.7	22.5
Argentina	41.0	55.0	0.0	34.1
Brazil	65.5	81.0	3.8	23.7
Paraguay	4.0	8.1	3.8	102.5
India	11.0	11.4	0.0	3.6
China	13.5	12.6	0.0	-6.7

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World Wheat Production

Country or Region	2011/12 estimate	2012/13 forecast	Change from previous month	Change from 2011/12
	<i>Million Tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
World	695.2	662.8	-0.4	-4.7
United States	54.4	61.7	2.0	13.4
Foreign	640.8	601.1	-0.6	-6.2
Argentina	15.0	11.5	-4.2	-23.3
Canada	25.3	27.0	1.5	6.9
Australia	29.5	26.0	0.0	-11.9
European Union	137.4	132.9	-0.2	-3.3
Russian Federation	56.2	43.0	-12.2	-23.5
Ukraine	22.1	15.0	15.4	-32.2
Kazakhstan	22.7	11.0	-15.4	-51.6
China	117.9	118.0	0.0	0.1
India	86.9	93.9	3.2	8.1

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U.S. Meat Production and Prices

	2012 forecast	2013 forecast	Change from last month	Change from 2012
Production	<i>Billion pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	25.58	24.58	0.1	-3.9
Pork	23.23	22.95	-3.1	-1.2
Broilers	36.97	36.50	-1.6	-1.3
Turkey	5.96	5.80	-2.3	-2.7
Total meat	92.54	90.59	-1.6	-2.1
Prices	<i>Dollars/cwt</i>			
Steers	120.55	127.25	-1.7	5.6
Hogs	62.62	64.50	7.5	3.0
	<i>Cents/lb</i>			
Broilers	83.3	87.0	0.6	4.5
Turkey	107.7	106.3	0.7	-1.3

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Friday morning meteorologist Drew Lerner of World Weather Inc. weighted in on the ten day forecast:

"The outlook has not changed much since Thursday. Areas that have received significant rain during the past week should see some additional crop improvement with some lifting of yield potential also expected. These conditions may prevail during the coming week as temperatures stay mild and another round of timely rain occurs Wednesday into Saturday, August 18.

Meanwhile, soil moisture in a majority of the Midwest is still too low to favorably support crop development and expected rain over the coming seven days will not likely be great enough to seriously change the condition of most crops. Southwestern areas will be driest and will continue to see declining yield potentials. Warmer and drier weather should return to the Midwest Aug. 18-24 and much of the soil moisture from rain during the past and coming weeks will be quickly lost to evaporation. Crop stress should

increase in many areas and rain will be needed to minimize the potential for new declines in production potential.

Much of the Midwest will see mild temperatures through the next week. Additional cooling will occur in southern areas today and highs today and Saturday will be in the 70s and lower 80s with some middle 80s in the south each day and some upper 80s in the southwest Saturday. Some locations from northern Indiana into Michigan will see highs in the upper 60s today. Sunday through Tuesday will be a little warmer and highs in northern areas will be in the middle 70s to the lower 80s while southern areas see highs in the 80s with some lower 90s in the west. Additional warming will occur Wednesday into Thursday and highs will be in the 80s and lower 90s with some middle 90s in the southwest and some 70s in the northwest Thursday. Cooler air will spread across the western Corn Belt next Friday and highs in the Midwest will be in the 70s and lower 80s with some middle and upper 80s in southern parts of the eastern Corn Belt. Cooler air will enter the eastern Corn Belt Saturday of next week with warmer temperatures quickly returning to the western Corn Belt by Sunday of next week.

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Lows in the north will be in the 50s with some lower 60s and some upper 40s. Some northwestern locations will see lows in the lower to middle 40s Thursday and Friday mornings. Southern areas will see lows in the 50s and 60s with some lower 70s by Thursday.

Rain during the past week should induce small and brief increases in water levels on the Ohio, Mississippi, Illinois, and Missouri Rivers. Without multiple rounds of significant follow up rainfall, however, water levels should soon decline again. Restrictions to barge traffic will become more significant on these rivers without greater rain and more expensive forms of transportation could be needed to deliver harvested crops this fall."



Todd and Dave would love to hear from you. We are always looking for ways to improve WILL's agricultural service. If you have an idea, or just want to talk, you can e-mail us at willagstaff@illinois.edu. You can also reach us via snail mail at Campbell Hall for Public Telecommunications, 300 North Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, Illinois 61801, or phone at (217) 333-7400.



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Monday – Friday (all times central)

- 8:49 a.m. – \$*Pre-Opening Commodity Market Report
- 9:49 a.m. – \$*Opening Commodity Market Report
- 10:59 a.m. – Commodity Market Price Update
- 11:59 a.m. – Commodity Market Price Update
- 12:55 p.m. – *Midday Market Analysis with Sue Martin
- 1:50 p.m. – CBOT & CME Settlement Prices
- 2:06-2:36 p.m. – \$*Closing Market Report
 - 2:08 – *Futures Analysis
 - 2:20 – *Agricultural News
 - 2:25 – *Cash Grain Analysis or Energy Analysis
 - 2:32 – *Agricultural Weather Analysis

Saturday

- 6:30 a.m. - \$* Commodity Week
- 11:30 a.m. – \$*Commodity Week

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