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Peanuts: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield and Production by State and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted October 1, 2009

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2007	2008 1/2	2009	2007	2008 1/2	2009
	1,000 Acres					
AL	160.0	195.0	155.0	157.0	193.0	153.0
FL	130.0	150.0	115.0	119.0	140.0	105.0
GA	530.0	690.0	505.0	520.0	685.0	500.0
MS	19.0	22.0	21.0	18.0	21.0	20.0
NM	10.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	8.0	7.0
NC	92.0	98.0	67.0	90.0	97.0	66.0
OK	18.0	19.0	13.0	17.0	18.0	12.0
SC	59.0	71.0	49.0	56.0	68.0	47.0
TX	190.0	257.0	165.0	187.0	253.0	160.0
VA	22.0	24.0	12.0	21.0	24.0	12.0
US	1,230.0	1,534.0	1,109.0	1,195.0	1,507.0	1,082.0

State	Yield				Production		
	2007	2008 1/2	2009		2007	2008 1/2	2009
			Sep 1	Oct 1			
	Pounds				1,000 Pounds		
AL	2,550	3,500	3,300	3,300	400,350	675,500	504,900
FL	2,700	3,200	3,100	3,100	321,300	448,000	325,500
GA	3,120	3,400	3,500	3,500	1,622,400	2,329,000	1,750,000
MS	3,300	3,900	3,500	3,500	59,400	81,900	70,000
NM	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	32,000	25,600	22,400
NC	2,900	3,700	3,400	3,500	261,000	358,900	231,000
OK	3,400	3,500	3,200	3,400	57,800	63,000	40,800

SC	:	3,100	3,900	3,300	3,000	173,600	265,200	141,000
TX	:	3,700	3,300	3,400	3,200	691,900	834,900	512,000
VA	:	2,500	3,350	3,400	3,400	52,500	80,400	40,800
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US	:	3,073	3,426	3,397	3,363	3,672,250	5,162,400	3,638,400

1/2008 Revised.

Peanut harvest was underway in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina by September 13, with 3 percent of the Nation's crop dug, 1 point ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Wet weather during the week ending September 20 stalled harvest in Georgia, the largest peanut-producing State. By October 4, harvest had begun in all of the major peanut producing States. At 16 percent complete, progress was 9 points behind last year and 7 points behind the average. Overall, 70 percent of the peanut crop was rated in good to excellent condition on October 4, a slight decline from the beginning of September but 5 points better than ratings last year.

Production is forecast at 3.64 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 30 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.08 million acres, unchanged from September but down 28 percent from 2008. Yields are expected to average 3,363 pounds per acre, down 34 pounds from last month and down 63 pounds from the 2008 record yield of 3,426 pounds per acre. However, this would be the second highest U.S. yield on record if realized.

Production in the Southeast States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina) is expected to total 2.79 billion pounds, down less than 1 percent from September and down 27 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest, at 825,000 acres, is unchanged from September but down 25 percent from 2008. Yields in the region are expected to average 3,384 pounds per acre, down 17 pounds from last month and 48 pounds below last year. Yields are forecast lower than last year in all Southeast States except for Georgia.

Virginia-North Carolina production is forecast at 272 million pounds, up 2 percent from the September 1 forecast but down 38 percent from 2008. Expected area for harvest, at 78,000 acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but down 36 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 3,485 pounds per acre, up 85 pounds from the September forecast but 146 pounds less than the 2008 average. Harvest was underway in both States as of October 4.

Southwest peanut production (New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) is expected to total 575 million pounds, down 5 percent from last month and down 38 percent from 2008. Expected acreage for harvest, at 179,000, is unchanged from last month but down 36 percent from last year. Yields in the region are expected to average 3,213 pounds per acre, down 166 pounds from the September forecast and down 97 pounds from the previous year.