HIGHLIGHTS

CORN--Production is forecast at 4,621 million bushels, 2 percent (96 million bushels) below October 1 and 18 percent below 1973.

SORGHUM GRAIN--Production is forecast at 609 million bushels, down 4 percent from last month and 35 percent below the 1973 crop. The 1974 crop will be the smallest in a decade.

FEED GRAINS--Production of corn, sorghum, oats and barley combined is forecast at 165 million tons, 2 percent below the October 1 forecast and 20 percent below 1973.

SOYBEANS--Production is forecast at 1,244 million bushels (the 3rd largest of record,) but 18 million bushels (1%) below last month's forecast and 323 million bushels below last year.

COTTON--Production is forecast at 12.1 million bales, down 6 percent from October 1 and 7 percent below the 1973 crop. Yield per acre is 443 pounds.

OILSEEDS--Production of soybeans, cottonseed, peanuts and flaxseed is expected to total 44.4 million tons, down 2 percent from last month and 18 percent below last year.

PEANUTS--Record production is expected to reach 3,763 million pounds, up 6 percent from a month earlier and up 8 percent (289 million pounds) from the 1973 crop.

ALL TOBACCO--Production is forecast at 1,963 million pounds, up 13 percent from 1973. Flue-cured output is up 9 percent and the burley crop is 25 percent higher than a year earlier.

SUGAR CROPS--Sugarbeet prospects dropped 3 percent from a month earlier and are down 9 percent from 1973. Sugarcane is down 1 percent from October 1 and 2 percent below last year.

ORANGES--Total production is forecast at a record 233.8 million boxes, down slightly (0.6 million boxes) from last month but 8 percent (17.2 million boxes) above last season.
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Production expectations declined during October for feed grains and cotton, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Corn and sorghum production fell off as a widespread early October frost damaged additional acreage and September frost losses were more accurately assessed as harvesting progressed. Corn Belt weather was generally favorable, and harvest advanced at a near normal pace. Cotton production suffered as a result of wet weather in many areas. Soybeans declined 1 percent from October 1.

The "all crops" production index (1967=100) declined 2 percent from a month ago to 110 on November 1.

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1/ ESTIMATES CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.
October Temperatures: Warm West-Cool East

Mild temperatures and sunny dry weather until late October favored harvesting progress in most of the Corn Belt. By November 1, corn and soybean harvest in the Corn Belt and Nation had advanced ahead of normal.

October temperatures were generally slightly above normal west of the Mississippi River, but considerably below normal in the Eastern United States with the greatest departures in the New England area where they averaged 4 to 7 degrees below normal. Additional heavy frosts occurred the first few days of October in portions of the Corn Belt eastward to the Atlantic Coast and affecting crops as far South as northern Georgia and South Carolina. Crop damage varied from State to State, depending on the stage of maturity of each crop. Temperatures warmed to near normal during the second week of the month, but returned to colder than normal during the third week and continued colder than normal through the 26th. The month ended with record warmth across the eastern half of the country.

Rainfall was highly variable during the month with some normally dry areas being very wet and some usually wet areas being very dry. Heavy rains fell over Texas, Oklahoma and much of the Desert Southwest with twice the normal rainfall. Amounts totaling 4 inches or more as far north as Iowa helped to replenish soil moisture reserves. Precipitation was generally light during most of the month with the heaviest amounts falling during the last few days. Extensive flooding occurred in some areas. Generally from the Mississippi River eastward, precipitation was below normal with much of the Southeast receiving less than one-half inch of rainfall. A large portion of the Pacific Northwest received less than 50 percent of normal precipitation, and wheat seeding and growth were slowed in this area.

Little or no precipitation fell from Texas eastward through Pennsylvania during the first week, with the exception of Florida. In the North Central States, cool air from the Gulf triggered scattered showers with rains totaling up to 2 inches in some areas. Precipitation was light and scattered during most of the next two weeks except for the Texas-Oklahoma western Gulf Coast area. Moderate rains fell from Texas to Michigan at mid-month, dropping 1 to 2 inches of rain. Good moisture fell in many Western States and the Desert Southwest during the last half of the month with heavy precipitation across the Nation's midsection as the month ended.

Winter Wheat Seeding Near Completion

Seeding of winter wheat for 1975 harvest was nearing completion by November 1 in many major producing States. Rains provided adequate moisture for good germination and growth in the Southern Great Plains; however, rain during the last week of the month caused extensive flooding and drownout in some areas of eastern Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Dry conditions prevailed over much of the Northern Plains and Northwestern States, delaying seeding in several areas and slowing emergence and growth of early seeded wheat.

By November 1, winter wheat seeding was virtually complete in Kansas, on schedule in Oklahoma with 98% done; but in Texas, progress was behind both last year and average with 92% of their intended acreage seeded. Kansas wheat benefited from additional moisture in late October and stands were beginning to even up. Most areas were making good growth. Wheat pasture prospects were good in Oklahoma and Texas. In the High and Low Plains, grazing was increasing.

Seeding of winter wheat in Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming was completed before mid-October. Dry topsoils delayed planting in several areas and farmers finished their seeding by "dusting in" the crop. Wheat condition ranges from fair to good and precipitation is needed over most of Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota to improve prospects before freeze-up.

Winter wheat seeding was virtually complete in Colorado by November 1 and 88 percent had emerged in good condition. Rain and snow added much needed moisture and improved prospects. Fall seeding and land preparation continues in Oregon and germination has been variable depending upon rainfall by localities. In eastern Washington seeding was 80 percent done as many farmers were waiting for rain before finishing up.

On November 1 the eastern Corn Belt States and Missouri were ahead of normal in seeding their 1975 crop. Michigan was virtually complete, Ohio and Illinois 95%, Indiana 90% and Missouri farmers had 76% of their crop in the ground.

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CORN FOR GRAIN: Production of corn for grain is forecast at 4,621 million bushels, a 2 percent drop from the October forecast, 18 percent less than last year and 17 percent below 1972.

Average yield is now forecast at 72.5 bushels per acre, a 1.5 bushel reduction from October and nearly 19 bushels below the 91.4 bushels yield last year.

Acreage for grain harvest, at 65.7 million acres is unchanged from the October 1 estimate but 3 percent above last year.

Severe frosts during early October killed growth of the corn acreage in the Southern Corn Belt States that had escaped earlier freezes and reached as far south as Georgia and parts of South Carolina. However, weather during the rest of October was generally favorable for harvesting the Nation's corn crop. By November 3 nearly 60 percent of the crop had been harvested, compared with a normal of 56 percent. Harvesting in the Western Corn Belt States was advancing well ahead of last year and normal except in Iowa. In contrast, harvest was lagging behind both last year and normal in all Eastern Corn Belt States and was slowed in many areas by high moisture corn. Harvesting in the South Atlantic States was 83 percent complete while the South Central progress advanced to 71 percent by November 3, both behind the 1973 pace.

Production prospects in the Corn Belt declined 2 1/2 percent during October as a result of lower yield expectations in the northern and central States of the Region.

In the Eastern Corn Belt, production is forecast 1 1/2 percent less than a month earlier as yield expectations declined 7 bushels in Wisconsin, 4 bushels in Michigan and 1 bushel in Indiana. Illinois and Ohio remained unchanged.

In the Western Corn Belt, prospects declined nearly 3 1/2 percent during October as yields dropped 10 bushels in Minnesota and 1 bushel in Iowa and Missouri. Other States were unchanged.

Prospects in the North Atlantic and Western Regions are unchanged from October 1 while the forecasts in the South Central and South Atlantic Regions are up slightly. Yields in Kentucky, Maryland, and Delaware are turning out better than earlier expected.

Changes in production forecasts between November 1 and the final estimate have averaged 88 million bushels during the past 10 years—ranging from 10 to 243 million bushels. During those 10 years the November 1 forecast was above the final estimate 3 times by an average 29 million bushels and below 7 times by an average of 109 million bushels.

SORGHUM GRAIN: Production of sorghum for grain is forecast at 609 million bushels, reduction of 4 percent from last month and 35 percent below last year. The 1974 crop at 609 million bushels would be the smallest output since 1964 when production was 490 million bushels. Yield is expected to average 44.9 bushels per acre, nearly 14 bushels below last year.

Heavy rains delayed harvest in Texas where yield is forecast 1 bushel lower than last month. The Texas crop was 63 percent harvested on November 1, compared with 80 percent last year and average of 67 percent. Nebraska showed the largest decline in yield as a result of frost damage. The Nebraska crop is 83 percent harvested, slightly ahead of normal. Kansas and Missouri both show a 2 bushel decline from last month with harvest at 35 percent and 56 percent respectively which is behind last year's price. New Mexico harvest is later than normal, and wet fields are slowing harvest in the eastern sections.

Changes in production forecasts between November 1 and the final estimate have averaged 27 million bushels during the past decade—ranging from 7 to 86 million bushels. The November forecast was above the final production 8 years by an average of 31 million bushels and 2 years it was below the final by an average of 15 million bushels.
SOYBEANS: Soybean production, placed at 1,244 million bushels, declined 1 percent from last month's forecast, reflecting some additional early October frost damage in the Corn Belt and Southeast plus a later evaluation of earlier Corn Belt freeze damage. November 1 production prospects point to a crop 21 percent smaller than last year, 2 percent below 1972 but the third largest of record. Prospective yield at 23.7 bushels per acre compares with 28.0 bushels last year and in 1972.

Yield in Illinois was reduced 1.0 bushel from last month as the progress of harvest provided evidence of the freeze damage that late soybeans sustained. In Minnesota, where harvest was virtually complete, early freezes contributed to a 2.0 bushel decline. Crop prospects deteriorated in Arkansas, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee as reflected in the 1.0 bushel yield loss from a month earlier.

As harvest neared completion in Nebraska and Ohio, the crop turned out with yields 3.0 and 1.0 bushels per acre, respectively, above last month. In Kansas, Alabama and Georgia a long growing season contributed to a 1.0 bushel increase in prospective yield per acre.

Growers had harvested 70 percent of the soybean crop by November 3, slightly behind last year but a little ahead of average. Weather generally favored harvest operations during much of October. Illinois and Iowa showed 90 and 93 percent harvested, respectively. In the South, harvest lagged behind last year and average with 38 percent combined.

Production changes between the November 1 forecast and the final estimate have averaged 20 million bushels during the past decade—ranging from 1 to 80 million bushels. During those 10 years the November 1 forecast stood above the final estimate 8 times by an average of 17 million bushels and below the final estimate twice by an average of 34 million bushels.

COTTON: All cotton production on November 1 is forecast 12.1 million bales, down 6 percent from October 1 and 7 percent less than 1973. Harvest accelerated during the month and made normal progress except in Texas where rain delayed harvest.

Expected production consists of 12.0 million bales of Upland cotton and 77,300 bales of American-Pima. Cottonseed production, based on a 3-year average lint-seed ratio, is estimated at 4.8 million tons, 3 percent below 1973. Average lint yield per acre is forecast at 443 pounds, 76 pounds less than 1973.

In the Delta States -- Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee -- 4.1 million bales are expected, down 11 percent from October 1, but up 2 percent from 1973. Open weather during the month allowed farmers to make good harvest progress, but Arkansas and Tennessee remained well behind normal.

Texas and Oklahoma Upland cotton production is expected to total 3.1 million bales, 39 percent below 1973 and down 8 percent from October 1. Rain continued to delay harvest and deteriorate the crop, with yields off considerably from 1973.

The California, New Mexico, and Arizona Upland cotton is forecast at 3.4 million bales -- 1 percent above October and 36 percent above 1973. Rains slowed harvest in some areas, but picking progress is ahead of normal and a large crop is forecast.

For the Southeastern States -- Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina -- production is expected to total 1.4 million bales, virtually unchanged from October 1 but up 7 percent from 1973. Harvest made normal progress and yields are good but below 1973 except in Alabama.

The difference between the November 1 all cotton forecast and final ginnings during the past 10 years has averaged 0.3 million bales -- ranging from negligible in 1968 to 0.7 million bales in 1966.

The Bureau of the Census reports 5.0 million bales ginned to November 1, about the same as ginned by this date in 1973 and 1.9 million bales less than 1972.
RICE: Production of rice is forecast at 114.8 million cwt., 24 percent above last year and 34 percent above 2 years ago. If realized, this would be the largest rice crop of record and 10 percent more than the previous high in 1968. The current forecast is up 1.3 million cwt. from the October 1 forecast.

Rice harvest was completed on schedule in Louisiana, but very little second crop was harvested in the Southern areas as yields were too light. Harvest was virtually complete in Mississippi and 95% done in Arkansas, where only late maturing fields remained to be combined. In Texas, harvest of the first crop was virtually complete the second week of October and the second cutting was 51 percent complete on November 1 compared to the average 37 percent.

During the past decade, changes in production from the November 1 forecast to the final estimate have averaged 1.1 million cwt., ranging from 0.05 million cwt. to 2.8 million cwt. The November 1 forecast was above the final in 4 of these 10 years, by an average of 1.4 million cwt. and below 6 times by an average of 0.8 million cwt.

PEANUTS: A record 3,763 million pounds are forecast for the 1974 Peanut crop, an increase of 6 percent over the indicated production on October 1, and 8 percent above last year. Average yield at 2,521 pounds per acre is 9 percent above the previous record high of 2,323 pounds per acre in 1973.

The Virginia - North Carolina crop is forecast at 684 million pounds, down 2 percent from last month and 13 percent less than 1973 production of 789 million pounds. Harvest is essentially complete.

The Southeast accounts for nearly all of the increase over last month's forecast. Yields in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia are at record high levels as harvest moved into the final stages.

The production forecast in the Southwest was increased slightly from the October 1 forecast. Wet weather hampered harvest in both Texas and Oklahoma.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS: Production of dry edible beans is forecast at a record high 21.6 million cwt., a decrease of 2 percent from last month's forecast but 28 percent above a year ago. A decrease in expected yield per acre accounted for the decline in production from last month.

In Michigan, a few fields of immature beans were discolored by frost with some high picks reported. All harvested fields were harvested at the end of October. Michigan growers are expecting the highest yield since 1969. Severe damage from freezing lowered production in North Dakota where yields were reduced by as much as 50 percent in some areas. Freezing of immature plants resulted in heavy pick-out. Weather conditions were ideal for harvest in the other major producing States except California where rains late in October caused some beans in the windrow and stopped threshing temporarily.

TOBACCO: Production of all tobacco is forecast at 1,963 million pounds, 13 percent larger than the 1973 output of 1,743 million pounds. The increase in production is due primarily to larger crops of flue-cured and burley. Yield per acre is expected to average 2,050 pounds, up sharply from a year earlier.

Flue-cured tobacco is estimated at 1,260 million pounds, down 4 percent from a month earlier but exceeding the 1973 crop by 9 percent. The jump in 1974 production results from a 7 percent advance in acreage harvested and higher average yield. Marketings are complete in the Georgia-Florida Belt, North Carolina Border and South Carolina Belt, and nearing completion in the Eastern Belt.

Burley output is forecast at 563 million pounds, a slight decline from the previous month but 25 percent above the 1973 production. The larger 1974 crop reflects a 15 percent increase in harvested acreage and a higher average yield for this year's crop. Weather during much of October was favorable for curing tobacco in Kentucky. Many growers had stripped a portion of their crop by November 1 and a considerable volume was ready for stripping. Markets are scheduled to open November 25.

Southern Maryland poundage of 28.8 million pounds is 9 percent short of the 31.5 million pounds produced in 1973. Less acreage for harvest is largely responsible for the decline in production.
Fire-cured tobacco is expected to total 37.1 million pounds, up slightly from the previous month and 11 percent above the record low poundage of 1973.

Dark air-cured leaf is forecast at 13.6 million pounds, up 2 percent from the 1973 output of 13.4 million pounds. A 5 percent decline in acreage is offset by a higher average yield.

All cigar tobacco is expected to total 59.6 million pounds, up 4 percent from the 1973 production of 57.1 million pounds. Contributing to the increase was a 9 percent increase in cigar filler and a 17 percent gain in cigar wrapper.

Changes between the November 1 forecast of all tobacco and the final estimate during the past decade averaged 40 million pounds, ranging from 4 million to 99 million pounds.

SUGARBEETS: Production of sugar beets is forecast at 22.4 million tons, 3 percent below a month earlier and down 9 percent from 1973. Lower yields in several States contributed to the decline. Average yield prospects declined from 19.5 tons on October 1 to 18.7 this month.

A hard freeze in Minnesota in late September retarded growth and reduced yield prospects more than was anticipated earlier.

Harvest is essentially over in some States and is rapidly approaching completion in others.

Planting for the 1975 crop is well underway in the Imperial Valley of California.

Changes between the November 1 forecast and the final estimate have averaged 0.4 million tons over the past decade, ranging from negligible to 0.8 million tons.

SUGARCANE: Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 25.3 million tons, down 1 percent from October 1, and 2 percent below 1973. Average yield, estimated at 34.0 tons, is less than the 34.9 tons obtained last year.

Florida harvest is getting underway with a large portion of the growers expected to be cutting by mid-November. Harvest is progressing normally in Louisiana, but dry weather reduced yield prospects. Rains over the northern portion of the island of Hawaii helped to relieve the dry conditions in that area. Harvest is making good progress. In Texas, cutting got off to a slow start as wet fields hampered harvest in the latter half of October.

ORANGES: U.S. orange production for 1974-75 is forecast at a record 235.8 million boxes, up 8 percent from last season and 4 percent above the previous record. The Florida October 1 forecast of 174.0 million boxes of all oranges is carried forward for this report. Prospects in Florida in October pointed to a record crop, up 5 percent from last season and 3 percent above the 1972-73 record. Total orange production in California at 50 million boxes, is unchanged from last month, and the largest crop since 1946-47. Prospects are unchanged from last month in Arizona with production up 25 percent from last season. Texas production is now forecast at 5.5 million boxes, down 10 percent from last month and 17 percent below last season.

In Florida, harvest of early oranges was active during October. Early bloom fruit, with advanced maturity, has permitted harvest to be ahead of normal. Harvest of navel oranges in California was light during October but will increase substantially after mid-November. Quality is good, but sizes are expected to be small.

GRAPEFRUIT: Prospects for the 1974-75 season at 58.0 million boxes are unchanged from last month but 8 percent less than last season. This total does not include California "other areas" which will be forecast on December 10 and amounted to 1.9 million boxes last year. The Florida forecast of 45.0 million boxes is carried forward from October 1 for this report. Crop prospects in Texas and Arizona are unchanged from last month at 7.8 and 2.4 million boxes respectively.

LEMONS: California and Arizona are each expecting record crops this year. The two States combined total of 24.5 million boxes is 40 percent above last season and 10 percent more than the previous record set in 1972-73. In California, the objective measurement survey conducted during October indicates a record high fruit set and above average fruit sizes. The Arizona crop is now forecast at 5.5 million boxes, up 15 percent from last month and almost double last year's crop of 2.9 million boxes.

TANGERINES: The U.S. 1974-75 tangerine crop is expected to total 4.4 million boxes, 1 percent more than last month but 8 percent less than last season. The Florida forecast of 2.5 million boxes is carried forward from October 1. California is unchanged from last month at 1.3 million boxes while Arizona is 0.6 million boxes is up 9 percent from a month ago. Harvest is getting underway, but volume still remains small.

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PRUNES: The 1974 California prune crop is estimated at 133,000 tons (dried basis), down 8 percent from the September 1 forecast and 34 percent less than the 1973 record of 203,000 tons. The harvest and drying period were marked by extreme variation in dry-away ratios. Dry-away ratios varied considerably by area and time of harvest.

CRANBERRIES: Production of cranberries is estimated at 2.21 million barrels, down 2 percent from the October 1 forecast, but 10 percent above the 1973 utilized crop. Increases from a year ago are now anticipated in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and New Jersey. Oregon and Washington are down 4 and 15 percent respectively from last year.

The harvest of cranberries is virtually complete. Weather conditions during October were too cold in Wisconsin for good berry development. Berry sizes are small but color and quality are excellent. In Massachusetts the picking of Howes is complete. Although near completion, harvest of the Black variety continues due to slow maturing during October. Damage due to frost was light. The harvest of late varieties continues in New Jersey. Some losses occurred from frost in early October where water protection was inadequate. Other crops that were protected are yielding excellent crops. Yields in Oregon and Washington are down from earlier expectations chiefly due to the dry weather in October.

FILBERTS: Production prospects at 7,250 tons are down 18 percent from last month, 41 percent below last year and the smallest since 1965. Filberts have been late in falling this year, and many growers began harvest while the weather was still good but before all of the nuts dropped. However, because of low prices, it will probably not be economical to harvest the remaining nuts. Harvest was more than 80 percent complete as of the first of November.

POTATOES: Production for the fall crop is forecast at a record 287.9 million cwt., up 13 percent from the 253.9 million cwt harvested in 1973 and slightly above the October 1 forecast. Harvest progressed rapidly during October and is now virtually complete. Most of the fall production went into storage in good condition but hard freezes during late September and October damaged some unharvested fields in a few States in the Central and Eastern regions. There is a wide variation in the degree of damage and both shrink and grade-out are expected to be heavy for frost injured potatoes.

For the eight Eastern States, production is forecast at 61.1 million cwt., up slightly from last month and 24 percent above the 49.3 million harvested in 1973. Maine and Upstate New York experienced a hard freeze during the weekend of October 18-20 that penetrated 3 to 4 inches. Despite grower attempts to complete harvest, some of the most severely frozen acreage has now been abandoned. Harvest in Long Island and Pennsylvania was completed under generally favorable conditions.

Production in the eight Central States is placed at 64.3 million cwt. This is up 2 percent from the October forecast and is 15 percent above the 56.1 million cwt produced in 1973. Harvest in Michigan progressed smoothly and harvest was complete by the end of October. Heavy frost in early October did limited damage to fields in the Upper Peninsula. The Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota received a hard freeze in early October. Most of the acreage has now been harvested but frost damage is evident in some storages. Quality of potatoes is variable and well below that of a year ago. Damage by sustained freezing temperatures in Wisconsin was limited as most fields had been dug.

For the nine Western States, production is placed at 162.4 million cwt. This forecast is slightly below the October forecast but up 9 percent from 1973. Good fall weather conditions prevailed and harvest progressed without interruption. Most States completed harvest by the end of October. Rain in Idaho improved October harvest conditions. Yield and quality are variable. Potatoes in Washington went into storage in good condition and the quality of the crop is very good. In Malheur, Oregon quality is fair. In northern California size is below average. Digging is still underway in the Central Coast.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED CONDITION: The November 1 pasture and range feed condition for the United States at 70 percent is rated as poor to fair. This is down 13 points from last year's good to excellent rating. Scattered areas of good to excellent conditions exist across the United States, mostly in the area running from Central and West Texas across the Ohio Valley into the New England States. The Southern States are dominated by poor to fair conditions with an area of severe drought located in South Carolina. Very poor to severe drought conditions continue in Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas. The Western States have predominantly poor to fair conditions.

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### NOVEMBER 1 PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION AS PERCENT OF NORMAL, BY STATES:

- **35-49**: Severe drought
- **50-64**: Very poor
- **65-79**: Poor to fair
- **80 and over**: Good to excellent

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2/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED AFTER 1972.
3/ RELATES TO YEAR OF HARVEST INCLUDES SOME SPRING PLANTED ACREAGE CARRIED OVER TO BE HARVESTED THE FOLLOWING SPRING.

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1/ FIRST YEAR ESTIMATE.
### AVAILABLE WHEAT PASTURE
NOVEMBER 1, 1973 AND NOVEMBER 1, 1974

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Wheat Pasture: About 23 percent of the fall seeded wheat in the three State area of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas had sufficient growth to support grazing on November 1. A year ago this figure was approximately 19 percent. About 5 percent of the seeded acreage is actually being pastured. Total forage supply for the three States is rated fair.

Kansas (Western): Virtually all of the fall wheat has been planted. Most of the acreage showing sufficient growth to pasture is in the central and south central districts. The remaining western two-thirds of the State has been too dry for adequate growth and the plants are not yet rooted firmly enough to withstand grazing. Recent precipitation over much of western Kansas should result in a more favorable moisture situation.

Oklahoma (Western): Grazing at this time is only fair. Statewide, seeding is nearly complete, but persistent rains in the southwest and central areas have caused considerable late planting. With temperatures averaging below normal during the past 2 months, growth has been slow. Heavy utilization of wheat pasture is not expected to start until mid-November. The Panhandle counties are generally dry but wheat is making some growth. More rain will be needed if other than carefully managed grazing is to occur.

Texas (Northern and Southern Low Plains): Very few cattle were grazing in Texas winter wheat fields on November 1. A cool, wet fall has delayed seeding and development of wheat. Some fields have sufficient growth for pasturing, but wet ground is preventing full utilization. Future grazing is expected to be excellent as moisture is adequate for satisfactory growth through late fall and into early winter.
WINTER WHEAT — TOP GROWTH AVAILABLE FOR GRAZING*
November 1, 1974

*RELATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TOP GROWTH AS REPORTED BY FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

CROP PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1974  NEG. SRS 329 - 74 (11)  CROP REPORTING BOARD, SRS, USDA
CORN CROPPING PRACTICES: Plant Population Per Acre and Row Widths

The Statistical Reporting Service collects objective information monthly on corn development and yields for the crop production estimates program. Counts and measurements are made by trained enumerators during visits to the random plots in a scientific sampling of fields in selected States. Information in the following tables represents sample data and averages obtained from these counts. The resulting data which are subject to some sampling fluctuation, are not official Crop Reporting Board estimates but do show trends in corn production practices over a period of years.

The trend in recent years has shown increases in plant population per acre although in 1973, most Corn Belt States showed slight to moderate declines. In 1974, most Corn Belt States again showed an increase over the previous year in the number of plants per acre. Based on these counts in 1974, the plant population in both the Eastern Corn Belt States and the Western Corn Belt States was up 1-1/2 percent from a year earlier.

Statistical Reporting Service Bulletin SRS-17 shows similar data for earlier years beginning in 1964.

CORN FOR GRAIN: PLANT POPULATION PER ACRE
SELECTED STATES, 1970-74 1/

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SOYBEANS: Varieties Grown and Row Spacing—1974

The Statistical Reporting Service conducts soybean objective yield surveys in 14 States. Plots are randomly selected from a scientifically drawn sample of soybean fields, which are visited monthly from about August 1 through harvest. Plant and pod counts indicate progress of crops and yield prospects as the season advances.

The sample data and averages presented here from the objective yield surveys are not official estimates of the Crop Reporting Board but are intended to show trends in soybean production practices.

Bragg was the leading soybean variety planted in the 14 States in 1974, accounting for 10.3 percent of the soybean acreage in those States. Bragg jumped upward from its seventh ranking a year ago reflecting a sharp increase in acreage seeded to this variety in Mississippi, smaller increases in most other southern States and a relatively larger share of the Nation's soybeans planted in the South than last year. Wayne, grown widely in the North Central States, was the second leading variety, accounting for 8.6 percent of the 14-State acreage. Corsoy placed third while Ansuy and Lee rounded out the five leading soybean varieties. The narrower row spacing in Ohio, compared with other North Central States, results from more acreage drill-planted, either solidly or with alternate holes plugged.

Statistical Reporting Service Bulletin SRS-17 shows similar data for earlier years.

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3/ INCLUDES VARIETIES WHICH HAVE ADDITIONAL NUMERICAL INDICATIONS SUCH AS CLARK "63",
CHIPPEWA "64", ANSUY 71, ETC.
4/ LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF REGIONAL TOTAL, INCLUDED IN ALL OTHER.
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