Estimating Mid-season Crop Area for Commodity Markets



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What's New and Free?

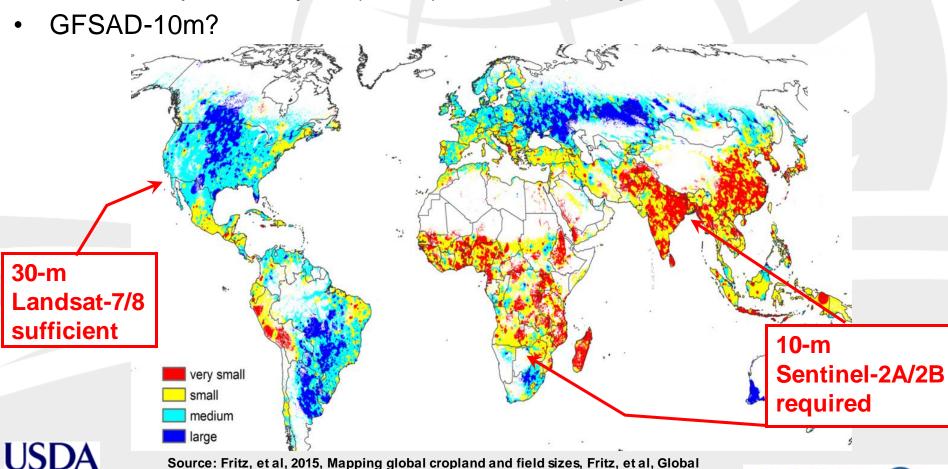
- Free Landsat (2009)
- Free Sentinel-2A (2016)
- Free Sentinel-2B (Nov. 2017?)
- Free Google Earth Engine (GEE)
- Segmentation and Object-Oriented Classification on ESRI's Image Service cloud (free for USG staff)





Perfect World?

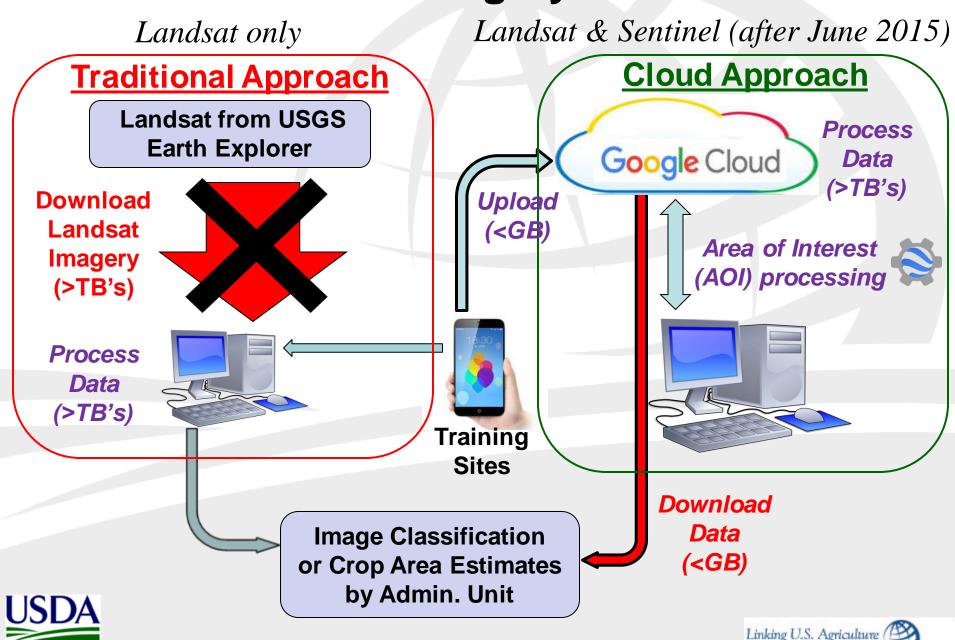
- Free Landsat(30m), Seninel-2A/2B(10m) & GEE tools to complement annual crop area estimates from mid-season to end-of-season.
- Every Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) employee 5-10 GIS/RS staff to publish annual Crop Data Layers (CDLs) for their country.





Change Biology (2015)http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcb.12838/pdf

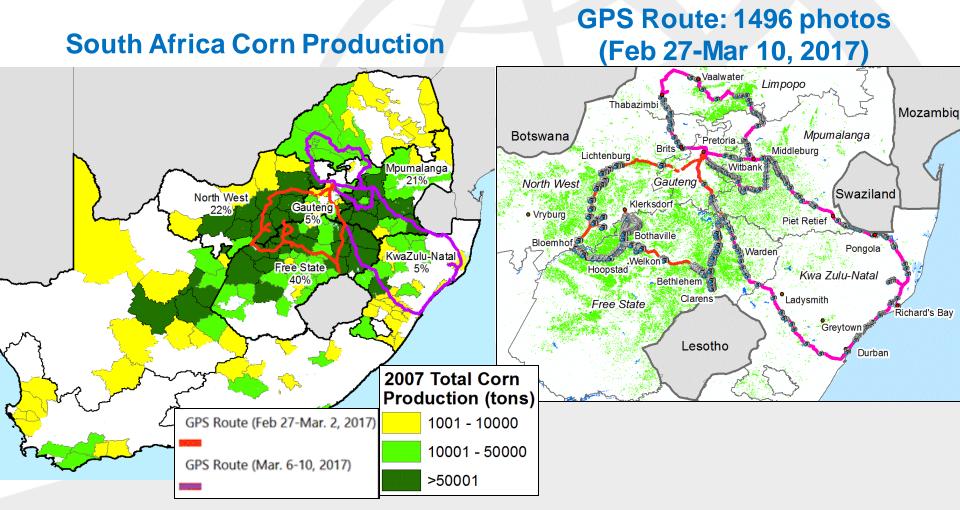
Landsat & Sentinel Imagery Archives on GEE



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to the World

Example: Training Sites Collected in March 2017





- 1). Percentage value indicates province's percent production of 2011/12 total.
- 2). District corn production from 2007 Census of Commercial Agriculture

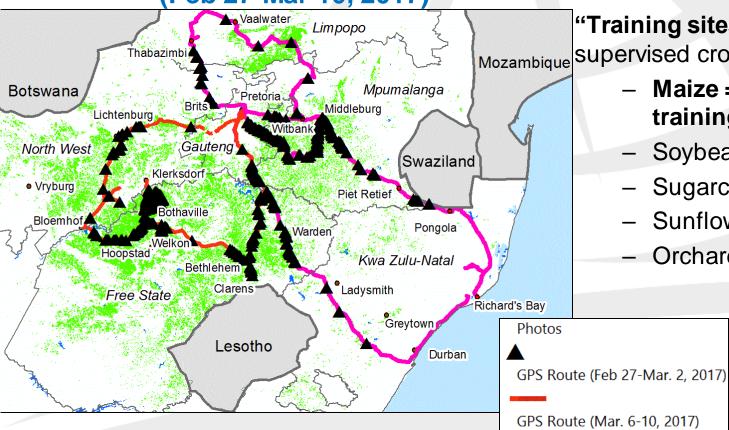
 Linking U.S. Agriculture

 Statistics South Africa, 2011.



Training Sites for Supervised Classification

Roadside GPS Photos Relocated to Fields (Feb 27-Mar 10, 2017)



"Training sites" = 1145 photos for Mozambique supervised crop type classifications:

- Maize = 810 photos to training sites
- Soybeans = 135 photos
- Sugarcane = 115 photos
- Sunflower = 44 photos
- Orchards = 41 photos





Cities

Cropland

Summary Geotag Equipment & Software

GPS Garmin (for 15-sec. track log)

GPS Camera (& eCompass)





<u>Useful for Car Surveys</u> lasting several days (>100 photos/day)

Desktop Software = Geojot+

- Write Crop Type
- •Relocate photo from roadside to field or calculate GPS offset



Smart Phone (with GPS & eCompass)



Useful for Crowd Sourcing
& few photos (<100 photos/day)</pre>

Mobile Apps = ESRI
Collector, Survey123 +
Many Others

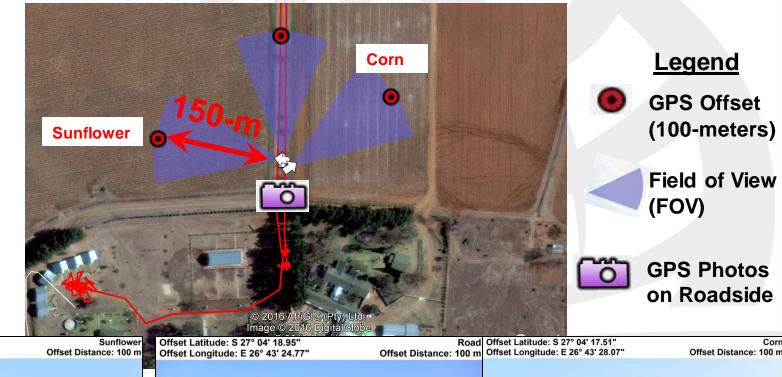
- Write Crop Type
- Calculate GPS offset from roadside to field





GPS Offset (>150-meters) from Roadside to Field

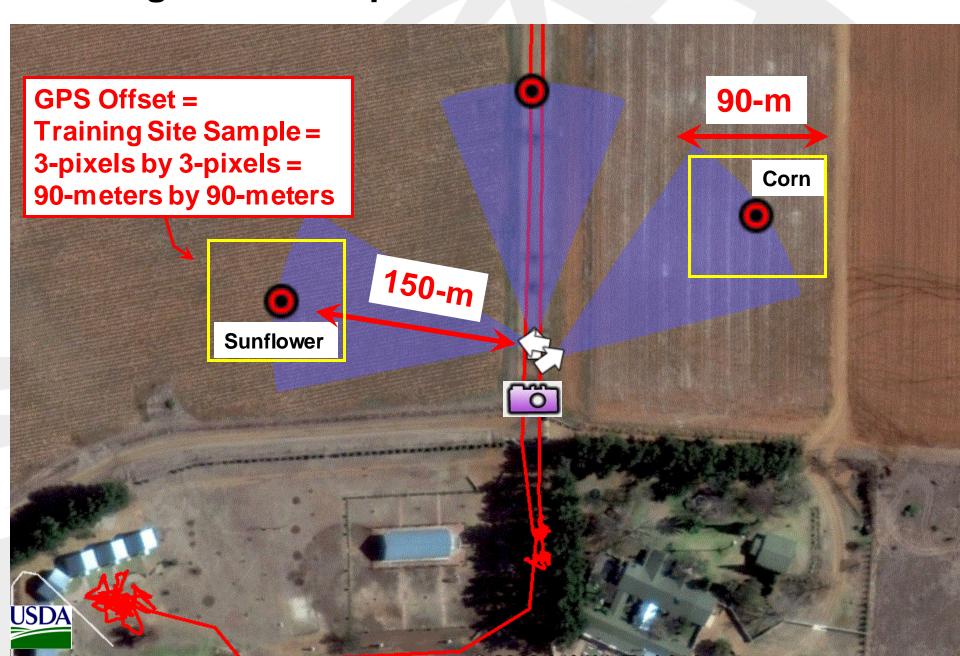
La Rouge Farm, Vierfontein, South Africa (March 1, 2017)





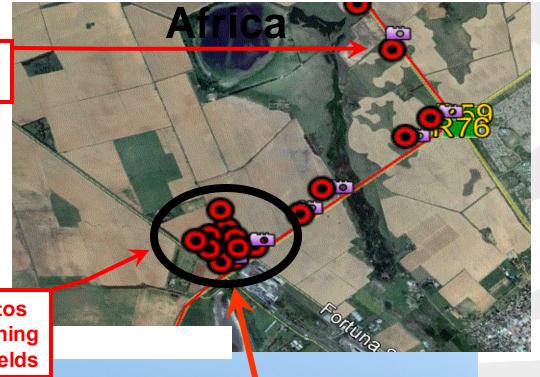
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Training Site = Sample Box = 90-meters x 90-meters



Corn Training Sites at Viljoenskroon, South

Roadside Photos & GPS "Training Sites".



GPS Photos on Roadside



"Training Sites" with GPS Field Locations & Crop Type

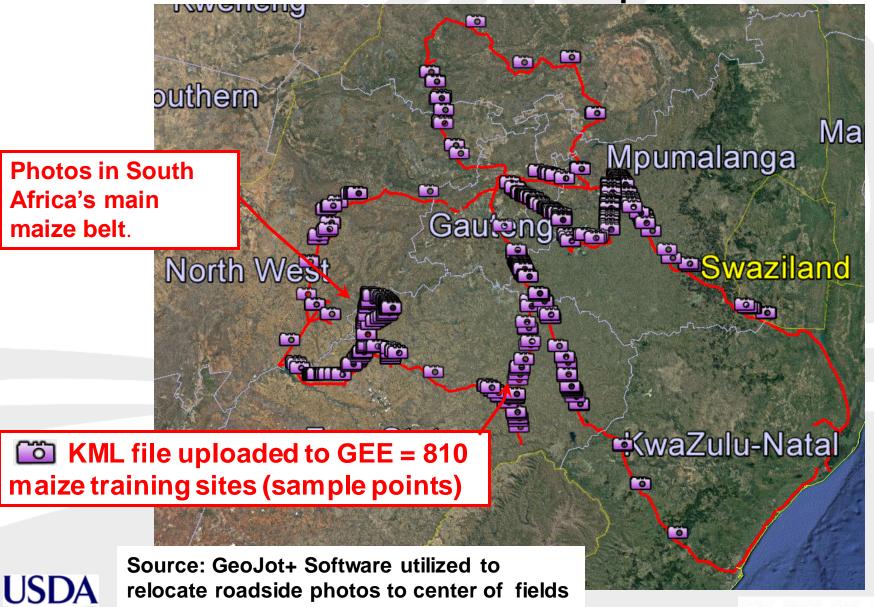




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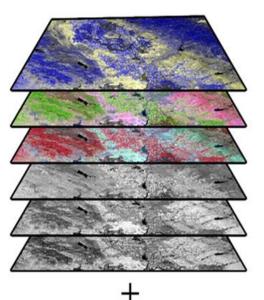
Roadside Corn Photos Collected from Feb 27-Mar 10, 2017; Relocated to Center of Fields and Uploaded to GEE





Ensemble Classification on GEE

Landsat bands and indices



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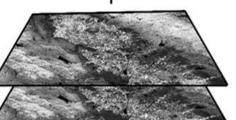
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Band: 4

Band: 5

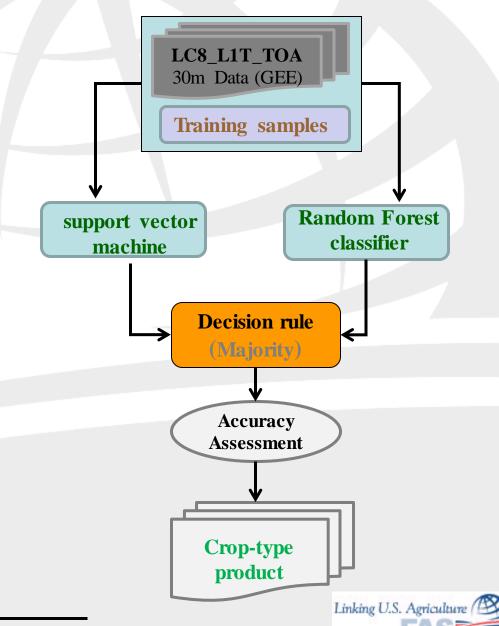
Band: 6

Band: 7



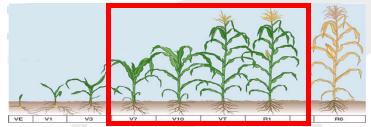
Band: NDVI

Band: Slope





Landsat-8 & Sentinel-2 Imagery on GEE



Landsat-8 (Jan 1- Mar 30, 2017) (30-meters, bands 2-7, 16-days repeat cycle)



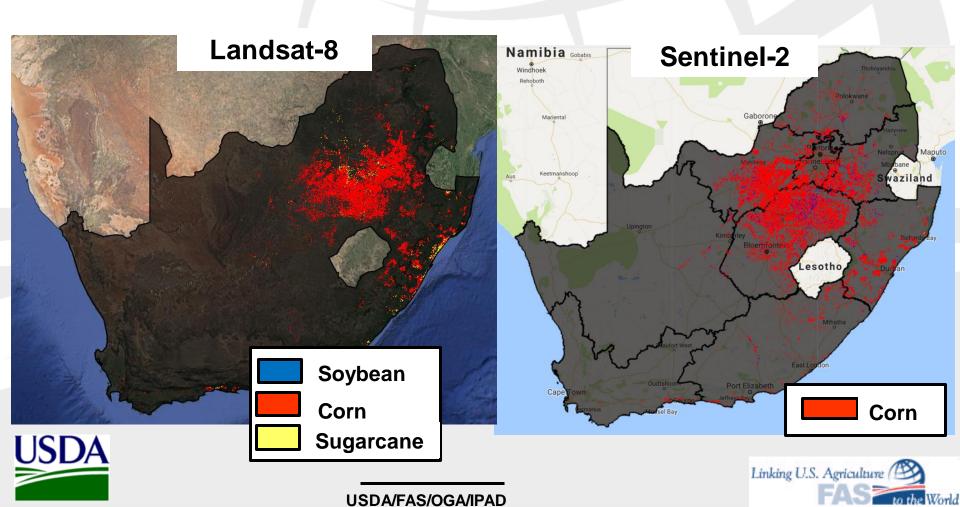
Sentinel-2 (Feb 1- Mar. 30, 2017) (10-meters, bands 6,5,4, 10-days repeat cycle)



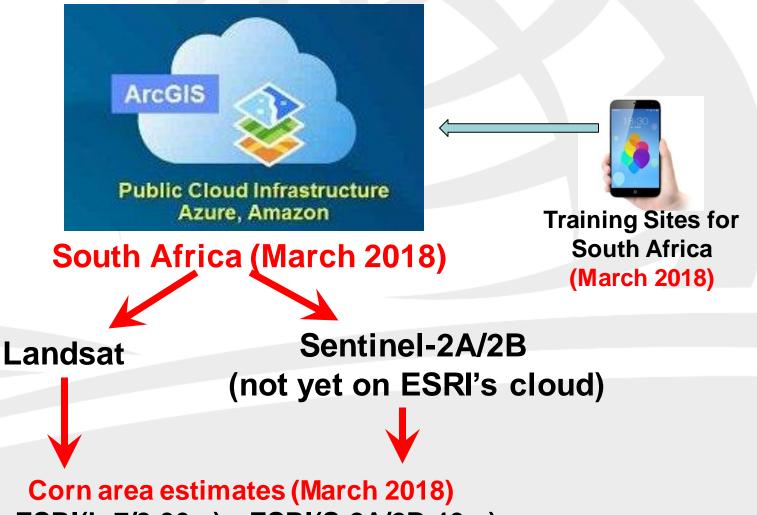




Corn Area (L-8) = Corn Area (S-2A) = South Africa Crop Estimates Committee (Aerial Survey)



ESRI's ArcPro 1.4 (ArcMap 10.5) = Segmentation & Object-Oriented Classification





- = ESRI(L-7/8-30m) = ESRI(S-2A/2B-10m)
- = GEE(L-7/8-30m) = GEE(S-2A/2B-10m)





Complement National Crop Area Statistics with Supervised Classifications on GEE

- Free Landsat (30-m) and Sentinel-2 (10-m) Imagery
 - Increased image frequency matters for higher classification accuracy!
- Free GEE Cloud Storage & Computing Power.
- Collect & upload <u>training sites</u> during mid-season.
 - Roadside GPS photos to training sites.
- Finalize with end-of-season products.
 - Classified Geotiff image after each crop season.
 - Extract crop area statistics by Administration Unit





The Day of Lock-up

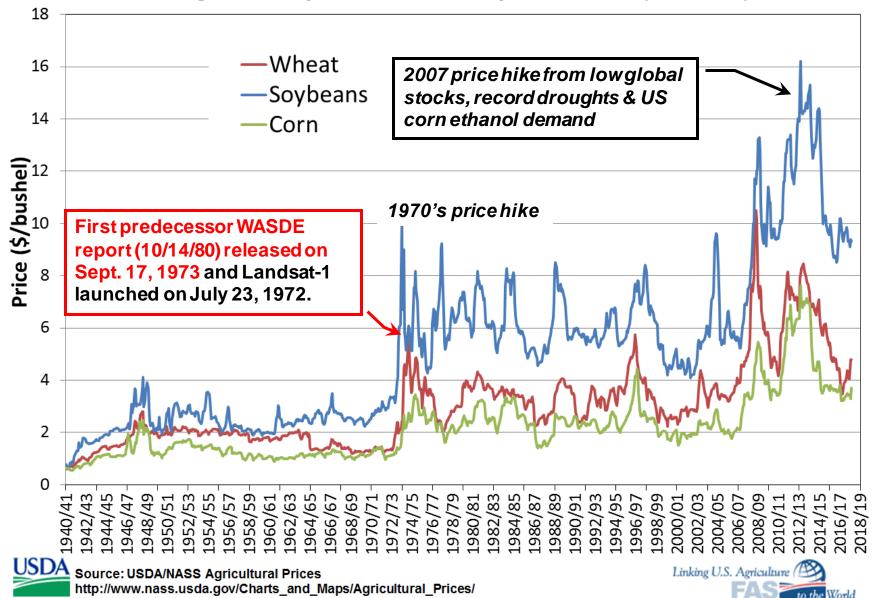
- Why: Maintain data integrity & protect market sensitive information.
- How often: Monthly
- When: Second week of month, between 9-12th.
- Where: Secured wing in South Building, 5th floor.
- What:
 - -Incorporate NASS domestic estimates.
 - -Secretary of Agriculture & Chief Economist briefed at 11:30 a.m..
 - WASDE report released 12 Noon.
 - -FAS reports & databases released between 12:00 1:00 p.m.
- NASS & WAOB Lockup Slides available at:
 - https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Executive Briefings/2017/08 10 2017.pdf
 - http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/Secretary Briefing.pdf





WASDE Provides Global Information for Price Stability

Average Monthly Price Received by US Farmers (\$/bushel)

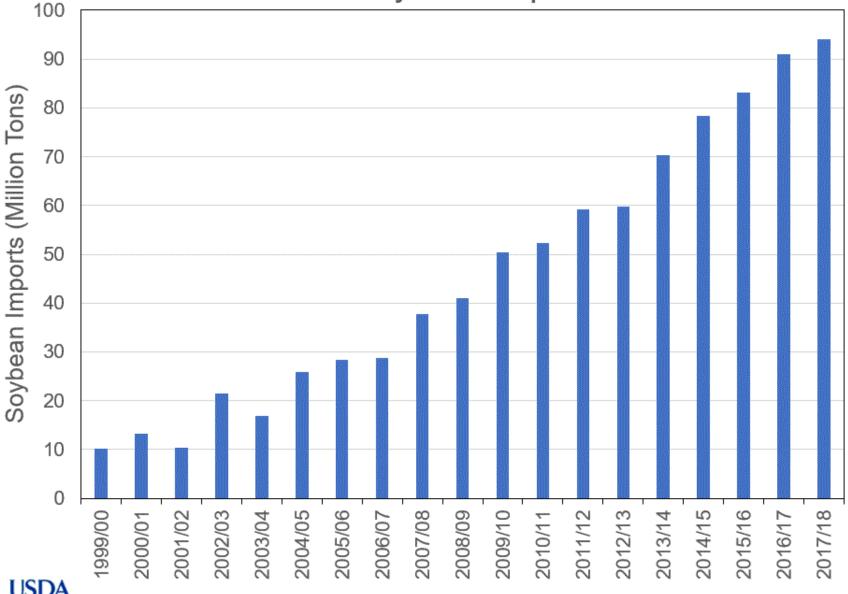


Global trade of wheat, coarse grains, and soybeans and soybean products Million metric tons Soybeans and soybean products1 Forecast. Wheat Coarse grains Note: Data for 2015-2024 are forecast. ¹Total of soybeans, soybean meal, and soybean oil Source: USDA, Economice Research Service, Agricultural Projections to 2024, February 2015.





China Soybean Imports



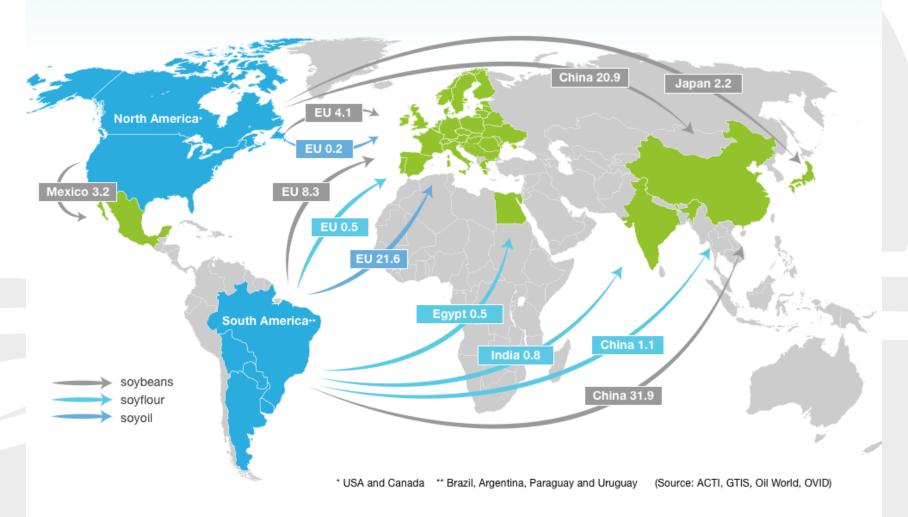


Source: USDA's PSD Online-https://apps.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/app/index.html#

Global Soybean Trade

Increasing meat consumption driving up soybean exports

Soybean trade 2011/12 (in million tons)







USDA's Marketing Year Cycle

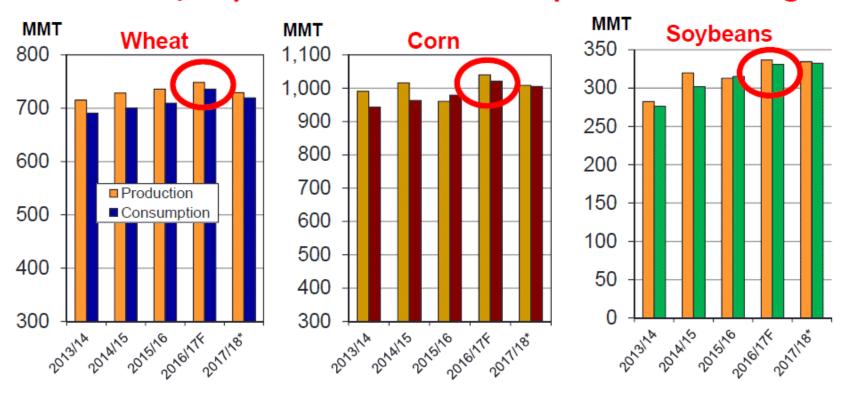
- ~ February 20th: USDA's Outlook Conference
- ~May 10th: WASDE begins new Marketing Year
- ~ August 10th: WASDE/NASS releases objective yield estimates for corn, soy, cotton and winter wheat. Free Sentinel-2A (2016).
- ~January 10th: WASDE/NASS releases final annual estimates.







Global 2016/17 production and consumption at record highs



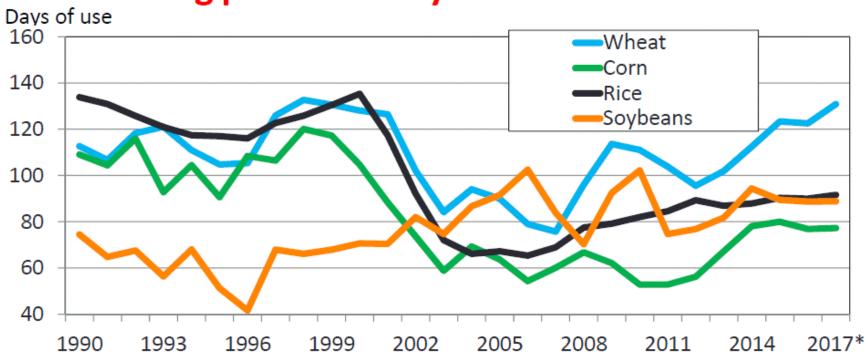
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Global ending stocks remain above 2002/03, moderating price volatility

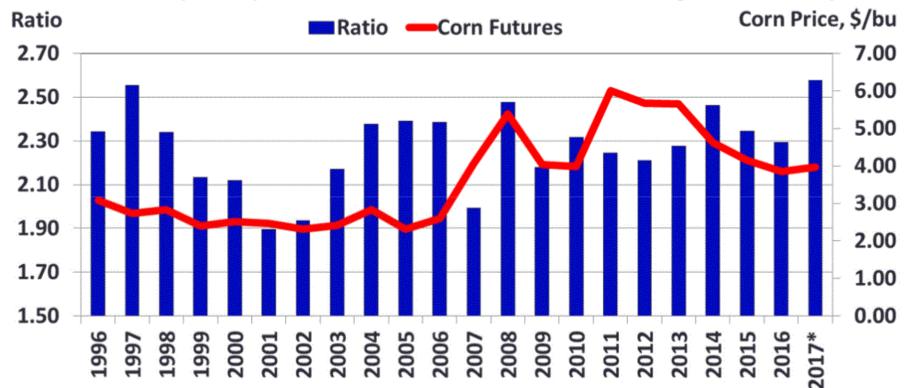


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New Crop Soybean-to-Corn Ratio During February



Data: USDA-OCE.



Cropland area down again from last year

Crop (mil. acres)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017F	%∆
Corn	97.3	95.4	90.6	88.0	94.0	90.0	-4.3%
Soybeans	77.2	76.8	83.3	82.7	83.4	88.0	5.5%
Wheat	55.3	56.2	56.8	55.0	50.2	46.0	-8.3%
All cotton	12.3	10.4	11.0	8.6	10.1	11.5	14.2%
Other feedgrains	12.6	14.6	12.9	15.2	12.6	11.7	-7.1%
Rice	2.7	2.5	3.0	2.6	3.2	2.6	-17.4%
Total 8 crops	257.4	255.9	257.6	252.1	253.4	249.8	-1.4%
CRP	29.5	26.8	25.5	24.2	23.8	23.5	-1.3%
8 crops + CRP	286.9	282.7	283.1	276.3	277.2	273.3	-1.7%

Source: USDA-OCE. All cotton, includes both upland and ELS cotton.





U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

	2016/17	2016/17 change	2017/18	2017/18 change	Change from
	estimate	from July 12	forecast	from July 12	2016/17
Planted area (million acres)	83.4		89.5		6.1
Harvested area (million acres)	82.7		88.7	Record _	6.0
Yield (bushels per acre)	52.1		49.4	area _{1.4}	-2.7
•			Million bushels		
Beginning stocks	197		370	-40	174
Production	4,307		4,381	121	74
Imports	25		25		0
Total supply	4,528		4,777	81	248
Crush	1,890	-10	1,940	-10	50
Seed and residual	118		136	1	18
Domestic use	2,008	-10	2,076	-9	68
Exports	2,150	50	2,225	75	75
Total use	4,158	40	4,301	66	143
Ending stocks	370	-40	475	15	105
			Percent		
Stocks to use ratio	8.9	-1.1	11.1	0.2	2.1
		1	Dollars per bush	e l	
Average market price	9.50		8.45/10.15	-0.10	-0.20

⁻⁻ No change





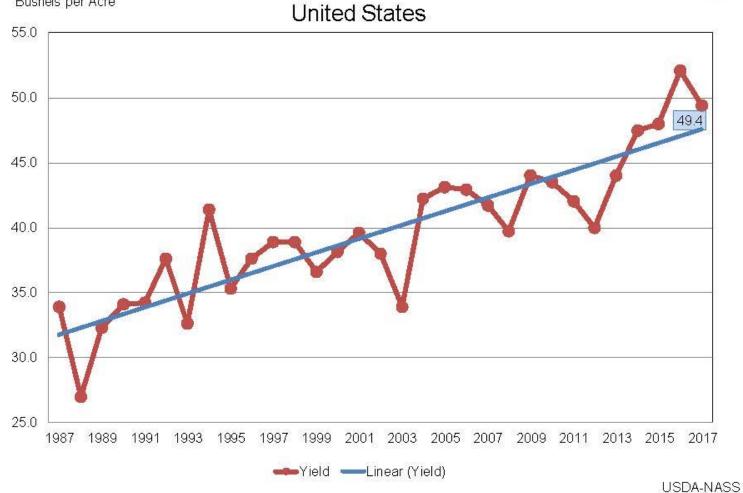
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Bushels per Acre



Soybean Yield







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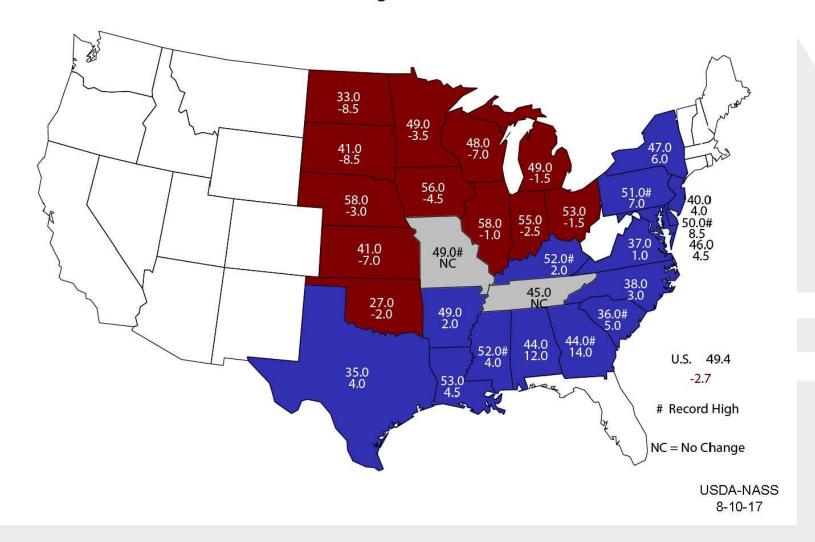
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August 1, 2017 Soybean Yield



Bushels and Change From Previous Year





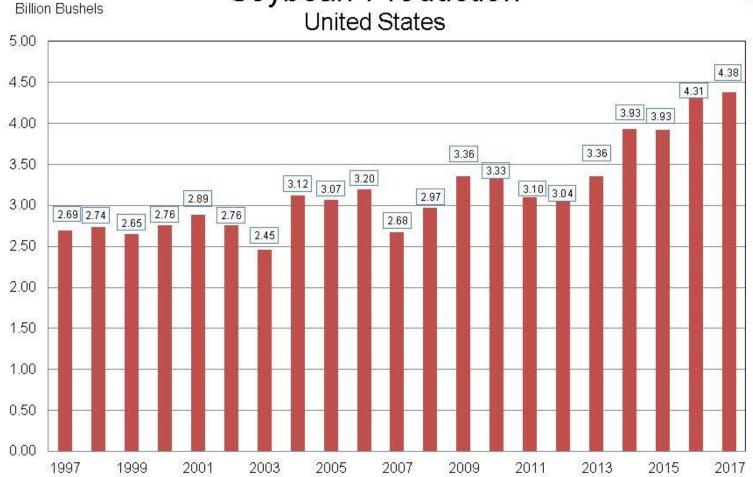








Soybean Production



USDA-NASS 8-10-17



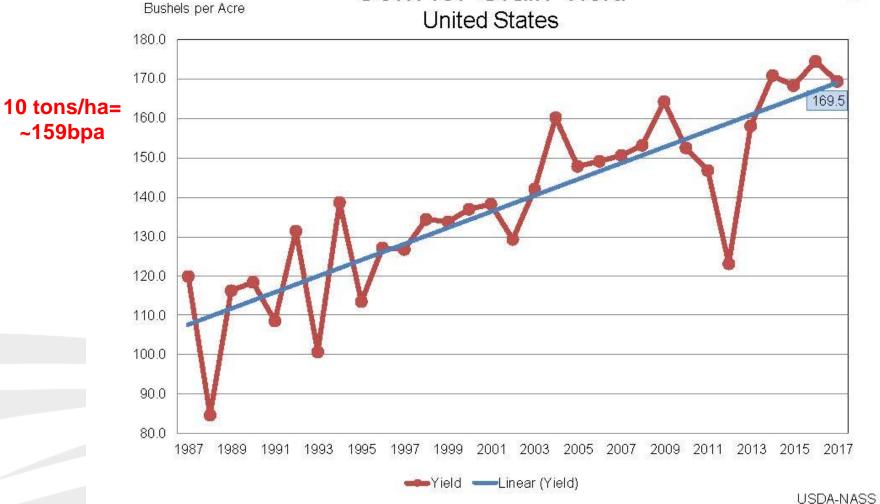








Corn for Grain Yield







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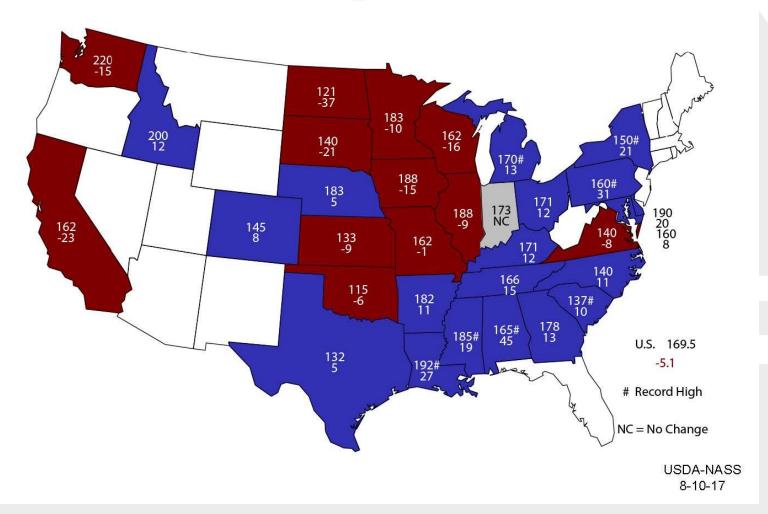
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August 1, 2017 Corn Yield

Bushels and Change From Previous Year





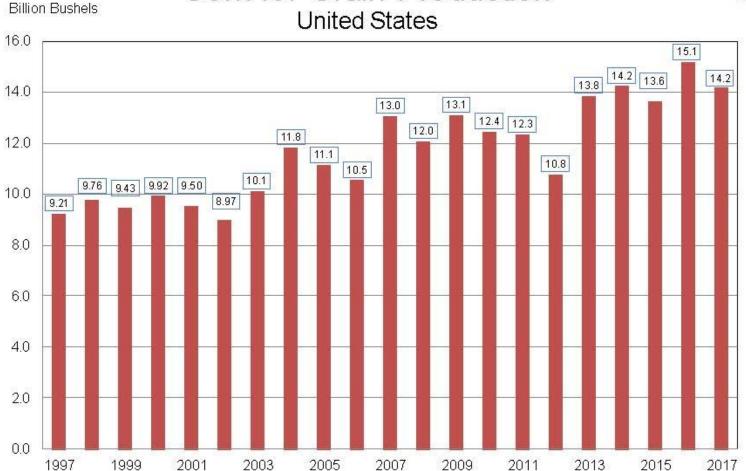






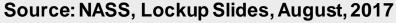


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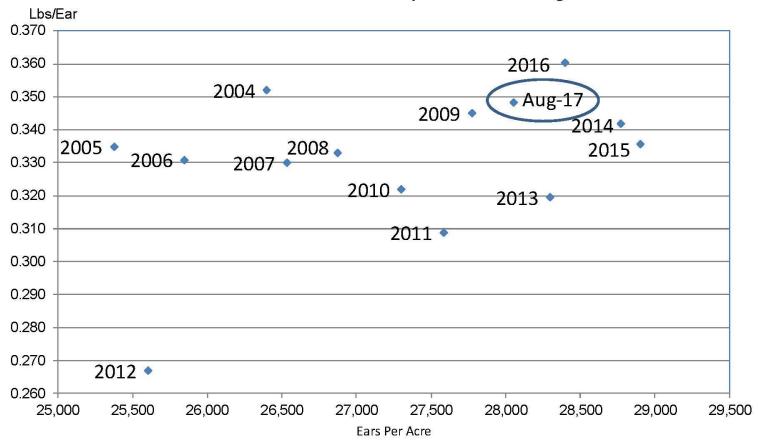






Corn Objective Yield Region

Ears Per Acre vs. Implied Ear Weight



Implied Ear Weight = (Published Yield * 56) / Ears

USDA-NASS 8-10-17



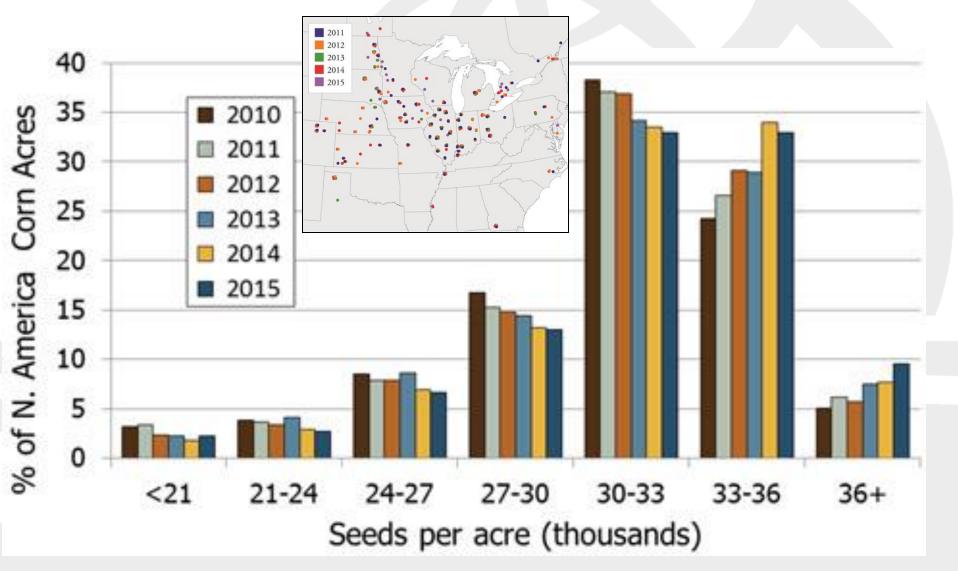
Source: NASS, Lockup Slides, August, 2017





Source: Testa,G., et al, 2016. Maize grain yield enhancement through high plant density cultivation with different inter-row and intra-row spacings. Agriculture Volume 72, January 2016, Pages 28–37

Distribution of reported U.S. and Canada corn seeding rates



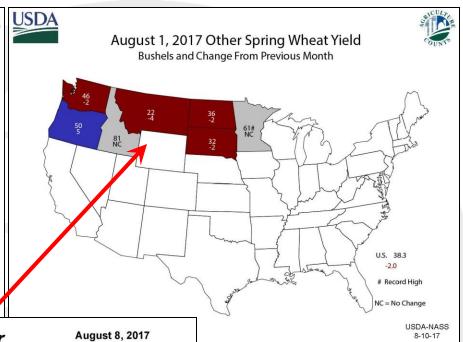
Source: Pioneer https://www.pioneer.com/home/site/us/agronomy/library/corn-seeding-rate-considerations/2015-5-23

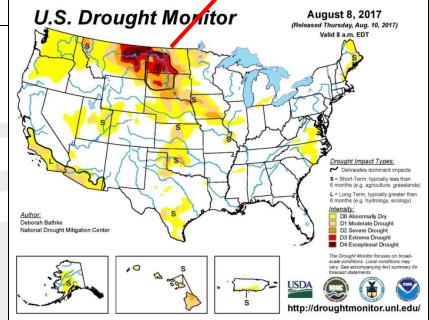




August 2017 Crop Production

Crop	Unit	August 2017	% Change From Previous Estimate	% Change From Previous Season	
Winter Wheat					
Harvested	Mil Ac	25.8	NC	-14.8	
Yield	Bu/Ac	50.0	+0.6	-9.6	
Production	Bil Bu	1.29	+0.6	-23.0	
Other Spring Wheat					
Harvested	Mil Ac	10.5	NC	-7.1	
Yield	Bu/Ac	38.3	-5.0	-18.9	
Production	Mil Bu	402	-5.0	-24.8	
Durum Wheat					
Harvested Mil Ac		1.86	NC	-21.4	
Yield	Bu/Ac	27.2	-12.0	-38.2	
Production	Mil Bu	50.5	-12.1	-51.5	
All Wheat					
Production	Bil Bu	1.74	-1.2	-24.7	







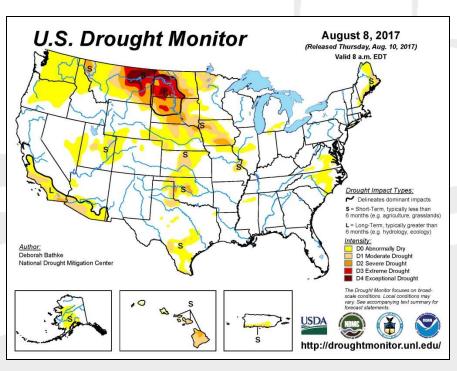
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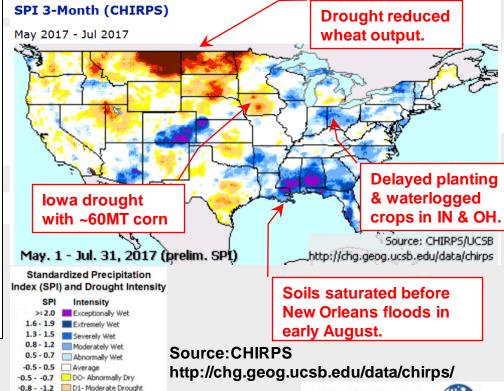




SPI-CHIRPS (on GEE) Applies US Drought Monitor Techniques Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)

- "The Lincoln Declaration on Drought Indices", Universal Meteorological Drought Index Recommended, WMO Drought Indices Workshop, Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 2009,
 - http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/agm/meetings/wies09/documents/Lincoln_Declaration_Drought_Indices.pdf
- Consensus: "SPI can be used to characterize meteorological droughts around the world."
- Requires 30-years of historical precipitation data which is provided by 5-km CHIRPS (Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation Station) data.







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-1.6 - -1.9 D3- Extreme Drought USDA/FAS/OG/

-1.3 - -1.5 D2- Severe Drought

<= -2.0 D4- Exceptional Drought

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Drought Severity Classification Scheme

(D0, D1, D2, D3 and D4 Droughts)

Drought Severity Classification

					Ranges		
Category	Description	Possible Impacts	Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI)	CPC Soil Moisture Model (Percentiles)	USGS Weekly Streamflow (Percentiles)	Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI)	Objective Drought Indicator Blends (Percentiles)
D0	Abnormally Dry	Going into drought: short-term dryness slowing planting, growth of crops or pastures Coming out of drought: some lingering water deficits pastures or crops not fully recovered	-1.0 to -1.9	21 to 30	21 to 30	-0.5 to -0.7	21 to 30
D1	Moderate Drought	Some damage to crops, pastures Streams, reservoirs, or wells low, some water shortages developing or imminent Voluntary water-use restrictions requested	-2.0 to -2.9	11 to 20	11 to 20	-0.8 to -1.2	11 to 20
D2	Severe Drought	Crop or pasture losses likely Water shortages common Water restrictions imposed	-3.0 to -3.9	6 to 10	6 to 10	-1.3 to -1.5	6 to 10
D3	Extreme Drought	Major crop/pasture losses Widespread water shortages or restrictions	-4.0 to -4.9	3 to 5	3 to 5	-1.6 to -1.9	3 to 5
D4	Exceptional Drought	 Exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses Shortages of water in reservoirs, streams, and wells creating water emergencies 	-5.0 or less	0 to 2	0 to 2	-2.0 or less	0 to 2

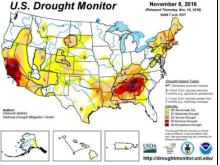
Short-term drought indicator blends focus on 1-3 month precipitation. Long-term blends focus on 6-60 months. Additional indices used, mainly during the gro-Moisture, Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI), and NOAA/NESDIS satellite Vegetation Health Indices. Indices used primarily during the snow season and in basin precipitation, and the Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI). Other indicators include groundwater levels, reservoir storage, and pasture/range conditions

Source: US Drought Monitor Classification Scheme http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/AboutUs/ClassificationScheme.aspx



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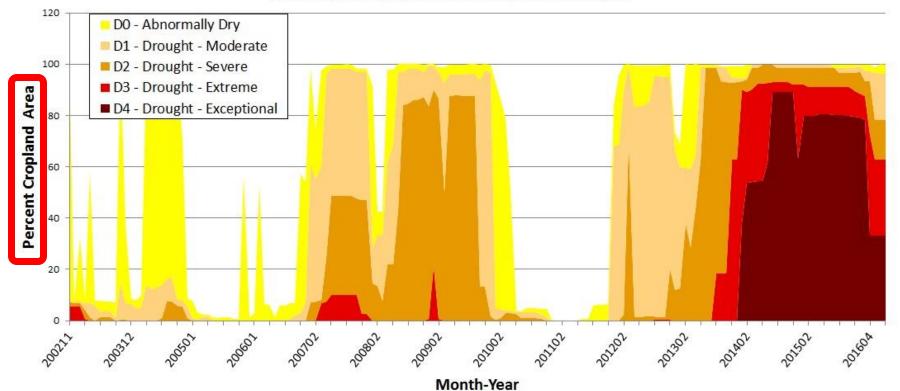






Drought Severity over California's Cropland

California Cropland Area Located in Drought



Source: Drought data is from NOAA NCDC North American Drought Monitor, and Percent Cropland Area estimated from IIASA Global Hybrid Cropland data layer.

Note: Missing data was interpolated for Aug 2003, Feb 2004, March 2006, Feb 2012.

Pending: CE 2.1 will produce time-series graphs for percent cropland area experiencing D0-D4 droughts.

- InuTeq already produces graphs for North American Drought Monitor.
- Time series graphs to be generated from SPI-CHIRPS.

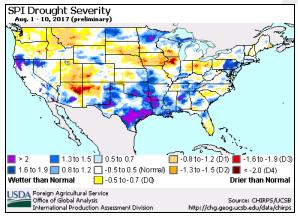


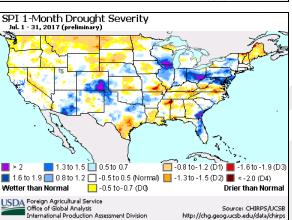


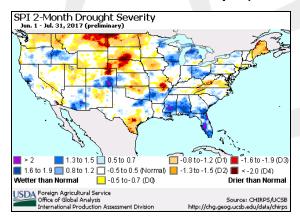
Drought Severity Index (D0-D4 Droughts measured *for different time-steps*)

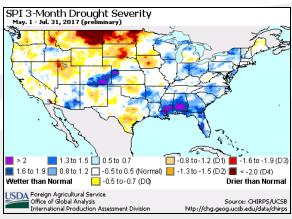
Agricultural droughts

(10-days, monthly, 2-months, & 3- months time steps)

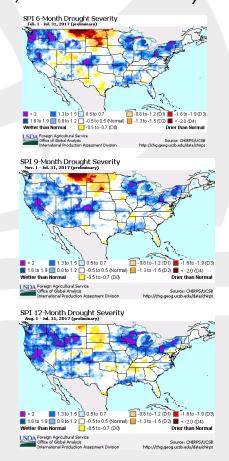








Hydrological droughts (6-, 9- & 12-months).









Thank you for sharing your research, innovations and cropland products.

GFSAD30 workshops assist us to:

- Re-evaluate our imagery (L-7/8 & S-2A/2B) data flows
- Estimate crop area more timely & accurately on the cloud.

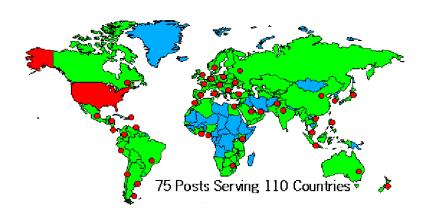




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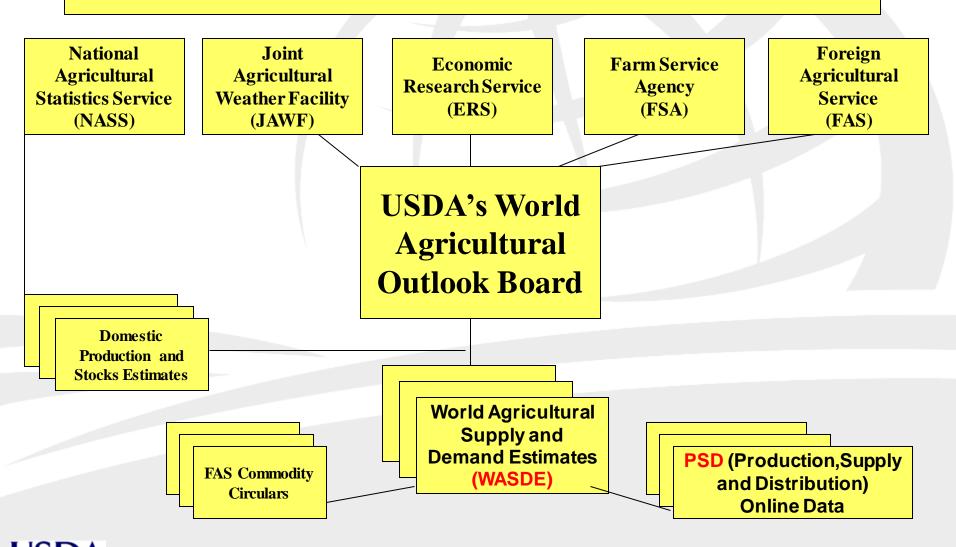


- FAS is primarily responsible for USDA's:
 - Overseas activities with attachés located at 75 posts
 - Market development,
 - International trade agreements and negotiations,
 - Collection and analysis of statistics and market information.
- http://www.fas.usda.gov/aboutfas.html





USDA's Economic Information System







USDA's Economic Intelligence System

WASDE (World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates) since 1973

PSD (Production, Supply & Distribution) Online Archive from 1960-current

<u>PSD Online</u> stores historical estimates for crop production, imports, exports, consumption, & stocks for most commodities and countries.

USDA/FAS Economic Analysis

Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) & other commodity markets

Publications

- **#** Trade Policy
- **#** Exporter Assistance & Export Programs
- **#** Food Aid & Export Credit Programs
- **UMR** (Usual Marketing Requirements)

- **# USDA decision-makers**
- **U.S.** Ag Producers & Traders
- **#** Commodity Price Discovery
- **#** Commodity Price Adjustments





USDA's Economic Intelligence System

- USDA's monthly WASDE (World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates) Circular is released on the 9-12th day of each month at 12:00 noon.
 - http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/
 - PSD Online (historical archive from 1960-present)
 - http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/
 - Monthly World Production, Market and Trade Reports
 - http://www.fas.usda.gov/currwmt.asp



WHEAT: Projected U.S. ending stocks for 2016/17 are raised 38 million bushels as reduced supplies are more than offset by lower projected use. Production for 2016/17 is lowered 11 million bushels based on the latest estimate from the NASS September 30 Small Grains Annual Summary. Feed and residual use is reduced 70 million bushels to 260 million reflecting the September 1 stocks that indicated lower-than-expected June-August disappearance. Exports are raised 25 million bushels on increased competitiveness of U.S. wheat particularly in North Africa where the EU has lost some market share because of lower production and quality problems. The marketing year average price received by producers is raised \$0.10 per bushel at the midpoint to a range of \$3.50 to \$3.90 on higher-than-expected NASS prices to date.

Global wheat supplies for 2016/17 are lowered 1.6 million tons on a 0.4-million-ton production decrease and lower beginning stocks. A 2.0-million-ton production decline for the EU is partially offset by a 1.0-million-ton increase for Canada and a 0.8-million-ton increase for Australia. The Australia increase is attributed to continued excellent growing conditions, and yields are projected to be record high. Global exports are raised 1.9 million tons led by a

2016/17 Proj.		Beginning Stocks	Production	Imports	Domestic Feed	Domestic Total 2/	Exports	Endin Stock
World 3/	Sep	209.25	1,026.61	130.22	622.66	1,016.40	139.83	219.4
WOIIG 3/	Oct	210.05	1,025.69	133.65	624.25	1,018.93	143.79	216.8
United States	Sep	43.58	383.38	1.27	143.52	312.43	55.25	60.5
Officed States	Oct	44.14	382.48	1.27	143.52	312.43	56.52	58.9
Total Foreign			643.23	128.95	479.14	703.96	84.58	
1 otal r oreign	Sep	165.67 165.91	643.22	132.38	480.73	705.90	87.28	158.9 157.8
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Major Exporters 4/	Sep	7.65	132.00	1.11	61.40		50.00	10.8
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Argentina	Sep	1.11	36.50	0.01	6.80	10.60	24.00	3.0
	Oct	1.11	36.50	0.01	6.80	10.50	25.00	2.1
Brazil	Sep	5.34	82.50	0.60	49.00	58.00	24.50	5.9
1007 - 20 100400	Oct	5.34	83.50	0.60	49.00	58.00	25.50	5.9
South Africa	Sep	1.20	13.00	0.50	5.60	11.30	1.50	1.9
	Oct	1.45	13.00	0.50	5.60	11.30	1.50	2.1
Major Importers 5/	Sep	23.16	120.62	76.75	145.35	196.78	3.54	20.2
	Oct	22.45	119.20	79.05	146.05	197.38	3.44	19.8
Egypt	Sep	2.04		8.75	12.65	15.05	0.01	1.7
	Oct	2.04	6.00	8.75	12.65	15.05	0.01	1.7
European Union 6/	Sep	7.24		12.00	55.20	73.20	2.00	5.1
	Oct	6.84	60.28	13.50	55.80	73.80	1.70	5.1
Japan	Sep	1.25	0.00	15.00	11.50	15.10	0.00	1.1
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Mexico	Sep	5.72	24.50	13.50	20.30	37.20	0.80	5.7
	Oct	5.82	24.50	13.80	20.60	37.50	0.80	5.8
Southeast Asia 7/	Sep	4.63	28.81	13.30	33.85	41.85	0.73	4.1
	Oct	4.23	28.26	13.80	33.65	41.55	0.93	3.8
South Korea	Sep	1.89	0.08	10.00	7.80	10.10	0.00	1.8
	Oct	1.89	0.08	10.00	7.80	10.10	0.00	1.8
Selected Other	SERVICE I	549/504	(constant)	(Calaba No.)	20/20/00/00	SECTIONS	polarino	80/20
Canada	Sep	1.50	12.35	1.50	7.80	13.30	0.60	1.4
Canada	Oct	1.49	12.50	1.50	7.80	13.30	0.70	1.4
China	Sep	110.67	216.00	3.00	159.00	226.00	0.70	103.6
Cima	Oct	110.07	216.00	3.00	159.00	226.00	0.02	103.6
FSU-12	Sep	1.87	44.06	0.42	19.49	22.27	21.90	2.1
F5U-12	Oct	1.87	44.06	0.42	19.49	21.87	22.60	1.7
Ukraine								
Ukraine	Sep	0.80	26.00 26.00	0.05	7.30 6.90	8.70 8.30	17.00 17.70	1.1

