

Table 1. Timing and Survey Information for NASS Corn and Soybean *Crop Production* Reports in 2010

Report Month	Farmer Reported Survey		Field Measurement Survey		
	Data Collection Period	Number of Surveys	Data Collection Period	Number of Corn Fields	Number of Soybean Fields
August	July 30 - August 6	27,000	July 25 - August 6	1,920	1,835
September	August 30 – September 7	13,000	August 25 – September 1	1,920	1,835
October	September 29 – October 5	15,000	September 24 – October 1	1,920	1,835
November	October 30 – November 4	11,000	October 25 – November 1	1,920	1,835

Source: Presentations prepared by NASS for the monthly Crop Production Briefings in 2010

Table 2. Estimated Reliability of NASS Corn and Soybean Production Forecasts

Report Month	2/3 Chance of Falling in Range		9/10 Chance of Falling in Range	
	Corn	Soybeans	Corn	Soybeans
August	+/-6.0%	+/-6.6%	+/-10.3%	+/-11.5%
September	+/-5.1%	+/-5.3%	+/-8.8%	+/-9.2%
October	+/-3.1%	+/-2.4%	+/-5.4%	+/-4.1%
November	+/-1.2%	+/-1.3%	+/-2.1%	+/-2.3%

Source: August-November 2010 NASS *Crop Production* reports

Table 3. Summary of Survey Estimates and Forecasts Contained in NASS Acreage and Production Reports

Report	Release Month	Survey Used in Report		Estimates/Forecasts Contained in Report			
		List Frame	Area Frame	Planted Acreage	Harvested Acreage	Yield	Production
<i>Prospective Plantings</i>	March	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
<i>Acreage</i>	June	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<i>Crop Production</i>	August	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Crop Production</i>	September	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Crop Production</i>	October	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Crop Production</i>	November	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Crop Production</i>	January	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

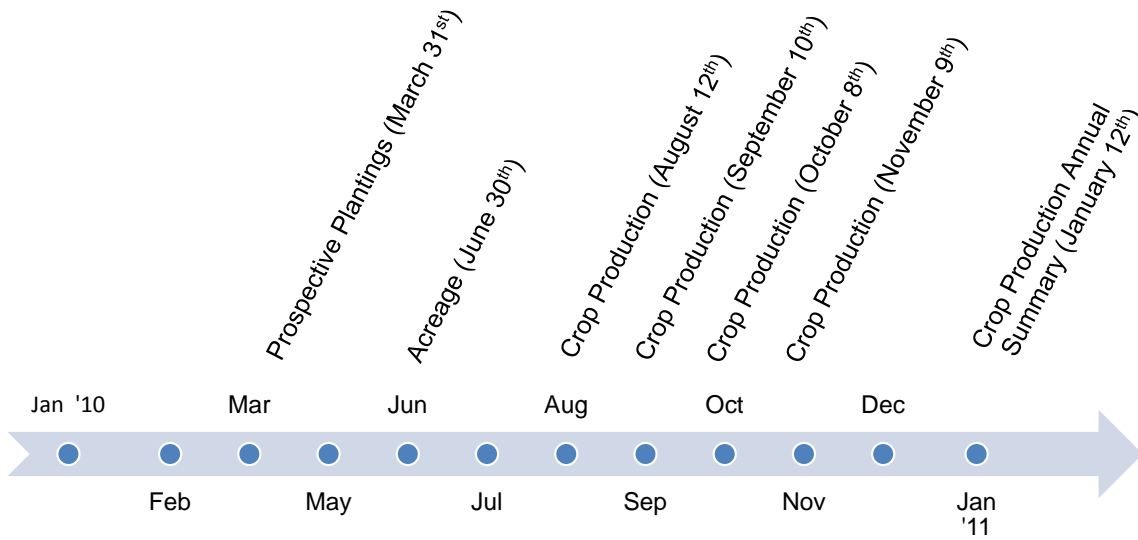


Figure 1. Timeline of NASS Acreage, Yield, and Production Reports for 2010 Corn and Soybean Crops