Corn Production Forecast Up 12 Percent, Largest On Record

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Corn production is forecast at 10.1 billion bushels, up 12 percent from last year and 6 percent above 2001, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Based on conditions as of Aug. 1, corn yields are expected to average 139.9 bushels per acre, up 9.9 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record. The previous

record for both was set in 1994 when production was estimated at slightly below the 10.1 billion bushels being forecast for 2003 and yield was 138.6 bushels per acre.

Corn yields are higher in all

States east of the Mississippi River as favorable precipitation and temperatures have been received since planting occurred. With the exception of Iowa and Minnesota, forecasted yields in all the Corn Belt States are increasing from last year. How-

ever, both States are forecasting lower yields from record 2002 estimates. Farmers expect to harvest 71.9 million acres of corn for grain, down 70,000 acres from June but up 4 percent from 2002.

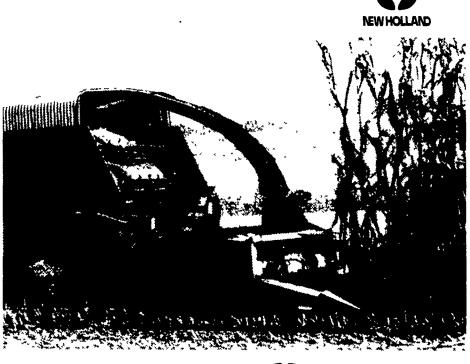


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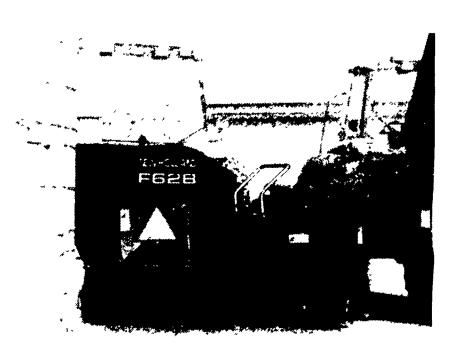
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