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### Ks Corn Crop Forecast Larger than Anticipated

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The latest government forecast on Kansas crop production is painting a far rosier picture than had been anticipated for most fall crops just a month ago.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service predicted Thursday that Kansas growers would bring in 578 million bushels of corn this season. That figure is 14 percent above last year's production.

Higher yields that are averaging 154 bushels per acre are making up for the fact that harvested corn acreage this year is expected to be down 6 percent this year to 3.75 million acres.

Production of grain sorghum in Kansas is now estimated to come in at 182 million bushels, up 10 percent from a year ago.

Harvest of soybeans is forecast at 147 million bushels, up 15 percent from last year.

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