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**(S.D.)-USDA Raises State Corn Yield, Drops Soy Yield**



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**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (ASSOCIATED PRESS)** - The U.S. Department of Agriculture has raised its yield forecast for South Dakota's corn crop while dropping its soybean yield estimate.

The department's National Agricultural Statistics Service says the average yield for the state's corn crop is forecast at 145 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from the August estimate and the second highest of record.

South Dakota's corn crop is forecast at a record high 769 million bushels, up 44 percent from last year.

The state's soybean yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, down a bushel from the August forecast but up 5 bushels from last year. South Dakota soybean farmers are expected to produce 163 million bushels in 2013, down 3 percent from the August forecast but still the second highest of record.