

# State Bounces Back From 2007 Drought

**NASHVILLE, TENN.**

All of the State's major crops during 2008 showed significant increases in yields from the previous, drought-stricken year, according to a recent survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office. Cool, wet conditions, which caused planting delays during the spring months of 2008, changed drastically by early summer as a warm, dry pattern set in across the State. This was the second consecutive year

that drought conditions posed significant challenges to Volunteer State farmers. Ideal weather conditions occurred in some areas; however, as the cotton crop produced the second highest yield on record. State Director Debra Kenerson noted that "Despite a persistent dry pattern in many areas lasting from early summer to early fall, most farmers were able to produce yields above levels in 2007 and, in many areas, above average. Δ



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