

# After Deadline

## USDA revises soy forecast

The October crop production forecast from the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated the 1982 soybean crop at 2.30 billion bushels, slightly below the 2.31 billion bushels forecast in September, but still 15% above the 1981 crop. The 1982 corn crop forecast remained at a record 8.31 billion bushels.

## Oilseeds, Edible Oils meeting draws 1,000

Approximately 1,000 persons from 61 nations participated in the World Conference on Oilseed and Edible Oil Processing held Oct. 3-8, 1982, in The Hague's Congress Center. There were more than 700 technical program registrants, more than 100 spouses' program registrants, and approximately 140 exposition personnel at the meeting. The accompanying exposition attracted steady visitors throughout the week. During the week there were meetings of three committees working on future international meetings: 1983: World Conference on Oleochemicals, Sept. 18-23, Montreux, Switzerland; 1984: World Conference on Palm, Palm Kernel and Coconut Oils, November, Kuala Lumpur; and 1985: Improving Operating Efficiency and Product Quality in the Fats and Oils Industry, date to be determined; France.

## Bergstrom wins Nobel Prize

Sune Bergstrom, a member of the Lipids Editorial Advisory Board and 1967 recipient of the AOCS Award in Lipid Chemistry, has been selected as one of three recipients of the 1982 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Bergstrom was cited for his work in purifying prostaglandins, determining their chemical structure and establishing that they are formed from unsaturated fatty acids. One of his co-workers, B.I. Samuelson, was a co-winner for his work on arachidonic acid, how it is formed and its key role in formation of prostaglandins. The third recipient, J.R. Vane, was cited for discovering of prostacyclin and its role in blood clotting. Berg-

strom, 66, retired from his post as dean of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm about two years ago and was succeeded by Samuelson, a former pupil. Bergstrom is chairman of the Nobel Foundation Board. It was Bergstrom's work in the 1960s on cell metabolism and prostaglandins that led to his selection for the AOCS Award in Lipid Chemistry.

## U.S. jojoba plantations totaled 25,883 acres

U.S. jojoba plantations of 40 acres or more totaled 25,883 acres during 1982, according to a survey of the Jojoba Growers Association released during the Fifth International Conference on Jojoba and Its Uses. The conference was held during October in Tucson, Arizona.

The survey showed that 16,218 acres have been cultivated in Arizona, 9,490 in California, and 175 acres in Texas. In 1980, plantations of 40 acres or more totaled 5,042 acres in Arizona and 3,881 acres in California.

Two growers harvested plantation acreage in 1982. At Desert Center, California, an average of 50 pounds of seed per acre was harvested from 160 acres planted in 1978. In Hyder Valley, California, an average of 64 pounds per acre was harvested on 235 acres planted in the spring of 1979.

The conference attracted 625 persons from 25 countries. Participants included growers, processors, investors, researchers and representatives of various industry—including at least one major food processor—considering jojoba oil.

The Sixth International Conference on Jojoba and Its Uses is scheduled for October 1984 in Israel.

## Third Quarter NSPA Crush: 213 million bushels

The National Soybean Processors Association figures show 213,648,000 bushels of soybeans were crushing during July-August-September by NSPA members (who represent 90 to 95% of U.S. soybean crushing capacity). Crushing plants operated at an average of 57% of capacity during the third quarter of 1982. Details below.

U.S. Soybean Crush—Third Quarter 1982

	Total capacity	Total crush	% Capacity	Oil produced (thousand lb)	Oil yield	Meal produced (thousand tons)	Meal yield
	(thousand bushels)						
July	127,298	69,860	54.80	764,361	10.94	1,652	47.30
August	126,794	67,505	53.24	732,270	10.85	1,600	47.42
September	122,704	76,283	62.17	802,141	10.52	1,781	46.69
Total for quarter		213,648	56.70	2,298,772	10.76	5,033	47.11