



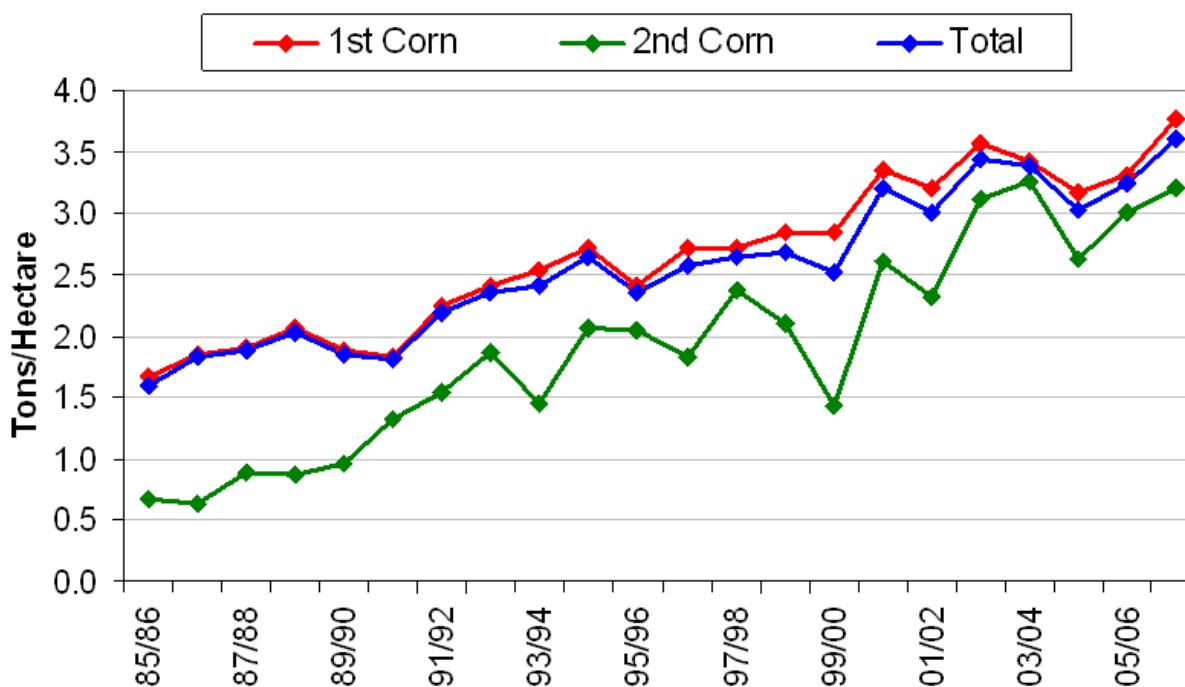
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## Brazil Corn Yield



### Brazil's Corn Crop Continues To Rise in Area, Yield, and Production

Brazil's corn production for 2006/07 is forecast at a record 48.0 million tons, up 2.0 million from last month, and up 6.3 million from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 13.3 million hectares, up 0.3 million from last month and up 0.4 million from last year. Yield is forecast at 3.6 tons per hectare, up slightly from last month and up 12 percent from last year. Summer corn harvest is underway, and is especially advanced in Parana, Rio Grande do Sul and Mato Grosso do Sul. Reported yields have been above average due to optimal weather since planting in most of Brazil's corn regions. Brazil's largest summer corn producing states are Parana, Minas Gerais, and Rio Grande do Sul, which account for approximately 17, 14, and 11 percent of the total corn crop, respectively. High corn prices due to US ethanol demand are influencing farmers to plant a bigger safrinha (winter) corn crop and may help to boost yield due to increased fertilizer sales. Winter corn planting is underway and should be nearly finished by the end of March. Soybeans are being harvested ahead of normal in Mato Grosso despite wetness in some areas, which will mean earlier planting of winter corn (which follow

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