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Kentucky Corn and Soybean Yields Are Forecast Lower

Corn production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 204 million bushels, down 26% from 2021. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is estimated at 147 bushels per acre, down 45 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.39 million acres, down 50,000 acres from 2021. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 14.4 billion bushels, down 5% from 2021. Yields are expected to average 175.4 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, down 4% from 2021.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 110 million bushels, an increase of 7% from 2021. Yield is estimated at 54.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 2.04 million acres, up 200,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.53 billion bushels, up 2% from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.9 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 87.2 million acres, up 1% from 2021.

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 32.8 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2022. The expected crop for 2022 would be up 8% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 82.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushel from 2021. Farmers expect to harvest 400,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** is forecast at 1.20 billion bushels, down 6% from 2021. The United States yield is forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushels from last month and down 2.3 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.0 million acres, down 2% from last year.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is forecast at 61.2 million pounds, down 15% from 2021. Yield is projected at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 250 pounds from the 2021 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 34,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 69.8 million pounds, down 17% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 38,900 acres, down 5% from 2021. Yields were expected to average 1,794 pounds per acre, down 261 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 31.7 million pounds, up 9% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 14.6 million pounds, down 9% from last year.

Kentucky Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 300,000 tons, 9% below the 2021 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 4.33 million tons, down 17% from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, August 1
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022 ²	2021	2022		2021	2022
						Jul 1 ¹	Aug 1 ²		
KENTUCKY									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	1,550	1,500	1,440	1,390	192.0	--	147.0	276,480	204,330
Soybeans ³	1,850	2,050	1,840	2,040	56.0	--	54.0	103,040	110,160
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	2,120	2,070	2.63	--	2.24	5,582	4,634
Alfalfa	--	--	100	100	3.30	--	3.00	330	300
Other, All	--	--	2,020	1,970	2.60	--	2.20	5,252	4,334
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	49,800	50,000	2,351	--	2,150	117,060	107,520
Burley	--	--	35,000	34,000	2,050	--	1,800	71,750	61,200
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	8,700	9,900	3,350	--	3,200	29,145	31,680
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	6,100	6,100	2,650	--	2,400	16,165	14,640
UNITED STATES									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	93,357	89,821	85,388	81,840	177.0	--	175.4	15,115,170	14,358,679
Soybeans ³	87,195	88,025	86,332	87,211	51.4	--	51.9	4,435,232	4,530,561
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	50,736	51,507	2.37	--	2.27	120,196	116,759
Alfalfa	--	--	15,246	15,465	3.23	--	3.17	49,245	49,100
Other, All	--	--	35,490	36,042	2.00	--	1.88	70,951	67,659
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	218,930	220,730	2,183	--	2,058	477,973	454,169
Burley	--	--	41,010	38,900	2,055	--	1,794	84,256	69,800
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,870	16,430	3,235	--	3,034	48,102	49,849
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	10,100	10,500	2,492	--	2,274	25,165	23,880

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain.