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Kentucky Corn and Soybean Yields Are Strong

Corn production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 279 million bushels, up 32% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 186 bushels per acre, up 30.0 bushels from the 2022 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.50 million acres, up 150,000 acres from 2022. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 10% from last year's record production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 173.8 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, 10% from 2022.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 100 million bushels, up 1% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 56.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.79 million acres, down 150,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.15 billion bushels, down 3% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.8 million acres, down 4% from 2022.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is forecast at 53.2 million pounds, up 6% from 2022. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the 2022 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 28,000 acres, unchanged acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 61.0 million pounds, up 4% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 32,330 acres, down slightly from 2022. Yields were expected to average 1,886 pounds per acre, up 78 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 22.0 million pounds, down 1% from the August forecast but down 29% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 9.88 million pounds, down 22% from the August forecast but down 36% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023 ²	2022	2023 ¹		2022	2023
						Aug 1	Sep 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	1,440	1,600	1,350	1,500	156.0	186.0	186.0	210,600	279,000
Soybeans ³	1,950	1,800	1,940	1,790	51.0	55.0	56.0	98,940	100,240
Wheat, Winter ^{3 4}	530	610	375	460	80.0	88.0	--	30,000	40,480
	<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	--	--	43,600	39,400	2,217	2,247	2,160	96,640	85,120
Burley	--	--	28,000	28,000	1,800	2,000	1,900	50,400	53,200
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	9,800	7,600	3,150	2,900	2,900	30,870	22,040
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,800	3,800	2,650	2,700	2,600	15,370	9,880
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	88,579	94,868	79,207	87,096	173.3	175.1	173.8	13,729,719	15,133,911
Soybeans ³	87,450	83,600	86,336	82,791	49.5	50.9	50.1	4,276,123	4,146,036
Wheat, Winter ^{3 4}	33,271	36,810	23,459	25,495	47.0	48.1	--	1,103,707	1,227,235
	<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	--	--	201,760	191,690	2,217	2,257	2,153	447,367	412,712
Burley	--	--	32,410	32,330	1,808	1,975	1,886	58,607	60,960
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,250	12,800	3,161	3,023	2,974	51,360	38,070
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	9,500	4,900	2,631	2,784	2,533	24,990	12,410

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall.