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## Kentucky Soybean Production Jumps

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is forecast at 112 million bushels, increased 12% from 2023. Yield is estimated at 55.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 2.04 million acres, up 220,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.59 billion bushels, up 10% from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 53.2 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.3 million acres, up 5% from 2023.

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is forecast at 239 million bushels, down 15% from the previous crop. Yield is estimated at 187 bushels per acre, unchanged from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.28 million acres, down 220,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down 1% from 2023. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 4% from 2023.

**Kentucky** farmers expect to harvest 32.0 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2024. The expected crop for 2024 would be down 21% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 78.0 bushels per acre, down 10.0 bushel from 2023. Farmers expect to harvest 410,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, up 9% from 2023. The United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.6 million acres, up 4% from last year.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is forecast at 47.5 million pounds, down 16% from 2023. Yield is projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 25,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 53.3 million pounds, down 18% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 28,600 acres, down 9% from 2023. Yields were expected to average 1,862 pounds per acre, down 197 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 12.9 million pounds, down 35% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 8.68 million pounds, down 5% from last year.

Production of **hay** by **Kentucky** farmers is forecast to be up from last year due to higher yields. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 272,000 tons, 1% above the 2023 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 4.47 million tons, up 7% from last year.