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Kentucky Corn Production Up from Previous Year

Corn production in **Kentucky** is estimated at 281 million bushels, up 2% from the November forecast and up 35% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 187 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the November forecast and up 31 bushels from the 2022 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.50 million acres, up 170,000 acres from 2022. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 15.3 billion bushels, up 1% from the November forecast and up 12 % from the revised 2022 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 177.3 bushels per acre. This is up 2.4 bushels from the November forecast and 3.9 bushels above the revised 2022 average yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 86.5 million acres, down 1% from the November forecast and up 10% from the revised 2022 acreage.

Soybean production for **Kentucky** is estimated at 100 million bushels, up 2% from the November forecast and up 1% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 55 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and up 4.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.82 million acres, down 120,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.16 billion bushels, up 1% from the November forecast and down 2% from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at 50.6 bushels, up 0.7 bushels from last month and up 1.0 bushels from last year. Area harvested is down 4% from 2022 at 82.4 million acres.

Kentucky burley tobacco production is estimated at 56.7 million pounds, up 2% from the October forecast and up 13% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from October forecast and up 300 pounds from the 2022 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 27,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is estimated at 64.6 million pounds, up 10% from last year. Burley growers harvested 31,390 acres, down 3% from 2022. Yields were estimated at 2,059 pounds per acre, up 251 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 19.8 million pounds, down 33% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is estimated at 9.10 million pounds, down 38% from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by **Kentucky** farmers is estimated at 270,000 tons, down 32% the 2022 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 4.16 million tons, up 5% from last year.