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August 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Tennessee** was forecast at 106 million bushels, down 31% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 160 bushels per acre, down 13 bushels from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 660,000 acres, down 230,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production was 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, unchanged from the June forecast but down 4% from 2023.

Soybean production for **Tennessee** was forecast at 88.2 million bushels, increased 10% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 49.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.80 million acres, up 230,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production was 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 1% from June and up 5% from 2023.

Tennessee farmers expect to harvest 23.6 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2024. The expected crop for 2024 would be down 24% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 76.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushel from 2023 and unchanged from July. Farmers expect to harvest 310,000 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 1.2 bushels from last month and 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.

Tennessee cotton production is projected to be 550,000 bales, down 19% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,056 pounds per acre, down 194 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 250,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2023. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 15.1 million bales, up 25% from 2023. Yields are forecast to average 840 pounds per acre, down 59 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.63 million acres, up 34% from the previous year.

Tennessee burley tobacco production was forecast at 5.76 million pounds, up 24% from 2023. Yield was projected at 1,600 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 3,600 acres, up 600 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production was 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 **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 10.7 million pounds, down 31% from the previous year. **Tennessee dark air-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 2.40 million pounds, down 20% from last year.

Tennessee other hay production was forecasted at 3.36 million tons, down 10% from last year.