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## Virginia Crop Acreage for 2023

Soybeans planted in Virginia were estimated at 570,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from 2022. Acres harvested for grain, at 560,000 acres, was 50,000 acres below acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2023 was estimated at 83.5 million acres, down 5% from last year. Area for harvest, at 82.7 million acres, is down 4% from 2022.

Acreage planted to corn in Virginia was estimated at 530,000 acres, up 80,000 acres from 2022. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 400,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2023 was estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 6% from last year. Growers expect to harvest 86.3 million acres for grain, up 9% from last year.

Upland cotton acreage in Virginia was estimated at 85,000, down 6,000 acres from 2022. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 11.0 million acres, down 19% from the previous year.

Farmers in Virginia intend to set an estimated 210 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This was 40.0 acres below the 2022 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage set was estimated at 100 acres, down 50 acres from the previous year. Flue-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 11,500 acres, down 600 from a year ago. Flue-cured producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 134,400 acres, 4% below last year.

Peanut growers in the Commonwealth planted 30,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2022. Producers expect to harvest 30,000 acres of peanuts this year, up 2,000 acres from 2022. U.S. peanuts planted was estimated at 1.58 million acres, up 9% from 2022. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 1.54 million acres, up 11% from last year.

Barley seeded acreage is estimated at 30,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Barley producers anticipate harvesting 6,000 acres for grain, 1,000 below last year. Barley planted for the Nation was estimated at 3.36 million acres, up 14% from 2022. Acres harvested for grain is forecast at 2.53 million acres, up 4% from last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Virginia was estimated at 210,000 acres, 20,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 155,000 acres, 5,000 acres above 2022. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 37.0 million acres, up 11% from 2022. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 25.7 million acres, up 10% from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Virginia was estimated at 30,000 acres, unchanged from the 2022 crop. All other hay was estimated at 1.14 million acres, up 140,000 from a year ago. The U.S. all hay acreage was estimated at 52.0 million acres, up 5% from 2022.

	Virginia				United States			
	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>		Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>	
	2022	2023	2022	2023 <sup>2</sup>	2022	2023	2022	2023 <sup>2</sup>
	1,000 acre	1,000 acre	1,000 acre	1,000 acre	1,000 acre	1,000 acre	1,000 acre	1,000 acre
Barley 3	30	30	7	6	2,945	3,359	2,433	2,527
Corn	450	530	340	400	88,579	94,096	79,207	86,322
Cotton 4	91	85	90		13,761	11,087	7,308	
Soybeans	620	570	610	560	87,450	83,505	86,336	82,696
Peanut	29	30	28	30	1,450	1,578	1,385	1,537
Wheat, Winter 3	230	210	150	155	33,271	37,005	23,459	25,700
Hay:								
All			1,030	1,170			49,546	51,976
Alfalfa			30	30			14,913	15,658
Other, All			1,000	1,140			34,633	36,318
	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Tobacco:								
All			12,500	11,810			201,760	193,280
Burley			250	210			32,410	33,420
Dark Fire-Cured			150	100			16,250	13,600
Flue-Cured			12,100	11,500			139,900	134,400

## Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2023 - Virginia and United States

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with planted or harvested estimates not available are denoted by "--". <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>4</sup>U.S. acreage includes American Pima cotton.