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Virginia Crop Production Forecast Mixed

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 57.8 million bushels, up 2% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 154.0 bushels per acre, down 13.0 bushels from the 2022 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 375,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from 2022. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up 1% from the October forecast and up 11% from 2022. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 174.9 bushels per acre, up 1.9 bushels from last month and up 1.5 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 10% from 2022.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 22.2 million bushels, down 11% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 39.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 570,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.13 billion bushels, up 1% from the October forecast and down 3% from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 49.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushels from last month and up 0.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.8 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and down 4% from 2022.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 190,000 bales, down 10% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,140 pounds per acre, up 9 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 80,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2022. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, up 2% from the October forecast and down 10% from 2022. Yields are forecast to average 783 pounds per acre, up 16 pounds from last month and down 167 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 12.7 million 480-pound bales, down 9% from 2022. Pima cotton production is forecast at 354,000 480-pound bales, down 25% from 2022.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 133 million pounds for 2023, up 6% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 29,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,600 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from 2022. **U.S.** peanut production is forecast to be 5.98 billion, up 8% from last year. Acres harvested are projected to total 1.60 million acres, up 16% from the previous year. Yields are anticipated to average 3,740 pounds per acre, down 268 pound per acre from 2022.