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October 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 57.0 million bushels, up slightly from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 152.0 bushels per acre, down 15.0 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 was forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 10% from 2022. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 173.0 bushels per acre, down 0.4 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, unchanged from the September forecast but up 10 % from 2022.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 21.1 million bushels, decreased 16% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 37.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.10 billion bushels, down 4% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 49.6 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.8 million acres, 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 12.8 million bales, down 11% from 2022. Yields are forecast to average 767 pounds per acre, down 183 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.02 million acres, up 10% from the previous year.

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.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production was forecast at 30.7 million pounds, up 6% from 2022. Yield was projected at 2,400 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from the 2022 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,800 acres, up 700 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** production was forecast at 305 million pounds, up 1% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 137,900 acres, down 1% from 2022. Yields were expected to average 2,214 pounds per acre, up 51 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 220,000 pounds, down 33% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production was forecast at 420,000 pounds, down 16% from last year.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 96,000 tons, unchanged from the 2022 level. **Other hay** production was estimated at 2.28 million tons, up 9% from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, October 1
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023 ²	2022	2023		2022	2023
						Sep 1 ²	Oct 1 ²		
VIRGINIA									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	450	495	340	375	167.0	150.0	152.0	56,780	57,000
Soybeans ³	620	580	610	570	41.0	39.0	37.0	25,010	21,090
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>
Cotton ⁵	91	81	90	80	1,131	1,140	1,140	212	190
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	1,030	1,170	2.13	--	--	2,196	--
Alfalfa	--	--	30	30	3.20	--	3.20	96	96
Other, All	--	--	1,000	1,140	2.10	--	2.00	2,100	2,280
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Peanuts	29,000	29,000	28,000	29,000	4,500	4,700	4,600	126,000	133,400
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	12,500	13,110	2,390	2,294	2,392	29,870	31,360
Burley	--	--	250	210	2,000	2,000	2,000	500	420
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	150	100	2,200	2,200	2,200	330	220
Flue Cured	--	--	12,100	12,800	2,400	2,300	2,400	29,040	30,720
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
UNITED STATES									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	88,589	94,868	79,115	87,096	173.4	173.8	173.0	13,714,676	15,064,420
Soybeans ³	87,450	83,600	86,169	82,791	49.6	50.1	49.6	4,270,196	4,104,379
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>
Cotton ⁵	13,761	10,233	7,308	8,021	950	786	767	14,468	12,817
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	49,546	51,976	2.28	--	2.36	112,801	122,828
Alfalfa	--	--	14,913	15,658	3.22	--	3.37	47,958	52,735
Other, All	--	--	34,633	36,318	1.87	--	1.93	64,843	70,093
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Peanuts	1,450	1,650	1,383	1,600	4,008	3,953	3,905	5,542,893	6,247,460
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	201,760	190,590	2,217	2,153	2,253	447,367	429,445
Burley	--	--	32,410	31,330	1,808	1,886	2,012	58,607	63,035
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,250	12,800	3,161	2,974	2,994	51,360	38,325
Flue Cured	--	--	139,900	137,900	2,163	2,114	2,214	302,640	305,260

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.