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## Virginia Corn, Cotton and Soybean Production Down

**Corn** production in **Virginia** is forecast at 56.3 million bushels, down 1% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 150 bushels per acre, down 17.0 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 15.1 billion bushels, up 10% from 2022. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 173.8 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.1 million acres, up 10% from 2022.

**Soybean** production for **Virginia** is forecast at 22.2 million bushels, down 11% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 39 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest was estimated at 570,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.15 billion bushels, down 3% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 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 13.1 million bales, down 9% from 2022. Yields are forecast to average 786 pounds per acre, 164 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 136 million pounds for 2023, up 8% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 29,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,700 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from 2022.

**Virginia flue-cured tobacco** production is forecast at 29.4 million pounds, up 1% from 2022. Yield was projected at 2,300 pounds per acre, 100 pounds from the 2022 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,800 acres, up 700 acres from last year's crop. For the **flue-cured producing states** production is forecast at 292 million pounds, down 4% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 137,900 acres, down 1% from 2022. Yields were expected to average 2,114 pounds per acre, down 49 pounds from last year.

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

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

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023 <sup>2</sup>	2022	2023		2022	2023
						Aug 1 <sup>1</sup>	Sep 1 <sup>2</sup>		
<b>VIRGINIA</b>									
	<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>
Barley <sup>34</sup>	30	30	7	6	86.0	88.0	--	602	528
Corn <sup>3</sup>	450	495	340	375	167.0	156.0	150.0	56,780	56,250
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	620	580	610	570	41.0	40.0	39.0	25,010	22,230
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	230	200	150	150	68.0	74.0	--	10,200	11,100
	<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 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton <sup>5</sup>	91	81	90	80	1,131	1,000	1,140	212	190
Peanuts	29	29	28	29	4,500	4,700	4,700	126,000	136,300
	<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>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	12,500	13,110	2,390	2,392	2,294	29,870	30,080
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	2,400	2,300	29,040	29,440
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
	<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>
Barley <sup>34</sup>	2,945	3,189	2,433	2,397	71.7	75.1	--	174,333	179,985
Corn <sup>3</sup>	88,579	94,868	79,207	87,096	173.3	175.1	173.8	13,729,719	15,133,911
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	87,450	83,600	86,336	82,791	49.5	50.9	50.1	4,276,123	4,146,036
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	33,271	36,810	23,459	25,495	47.0	48.1	--	1,103,707	1,227,235
	<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 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton <sup>5</sup>	13,761	10,233	7,308	8,021	950	779	786	14,468	13,132
Peanuts	1,450	1,650	1,385	1,600	4,019	4,047	3,953	5,568,150	6,323,710
	<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>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	201,760	191,690	2,217	2,257	2,153	447,367	412,712
Burley	--	--	32,410	32,330	1,808	1,975	1,886	58,607	60,960
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	16,250	12,800	3,161	3,023	2,974	51,360	38,070
Flue-Cured	--	--	139,900	137,900	2,163	2,210	2,114	302,640	291,520

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