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Virginia Corn Production Up from Previous Year

Corn production in **Virginia** is estimated at 58.9 million bushels, up 2% from the November forecast and up 8% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 157 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the previous forecast and down 10 bushels from the 2022 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 375,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from 2022. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 15.3 billion bushels, up 1% from the November forecast and up 12% from 2022. Yields averaged 177.3 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from the previous forecast and up 3.9 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 86.5 million acres, down 1% from the November forecast and up 10% from 2022.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is estimated at 21.7 million bushels, down 3% from the November forecast and down 13% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 38 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel from November and down 3 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 4.16 billion bushels, up 1% from the November forecast and down 2% from last year. Yields were estimated at 50.6 bushels per acre, up 0.7 bushels from last month and up 1.0 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 82.4 million acres, down 1% from the November forecast and down 4% from 2022.

Virginia cotton production is estimated at 195,000 bales, up 3% from the December forecast and down 8% from last year. Cotton yields were estimated at 1,170 pounds per acre, up 30 pounds from last month and up 39 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers harvested 80,000 acres, unchanged from the December forecast and down 10,000 acres from 2022. **U.S.** cotton production totaled 12.4 million 480-pound bales, down 5% from the November forecast and down 14% from 2022. Yields were estimated at 845 pounds per acre, up 62 pounds from last month and down 108 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is estimated at 12.1 million 480-pound bales, down 13% from 2022. Pima cotton production is estimated at 307,000 480-pound bales, down 35% from 2022.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** are estimated to produce 140 million pounds for 2023, up 11% from last year. Acres harvested were estimated at 29,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year. Peanut yield is estimated at 4,830 pounds per acre, up 340 pounds from 2022. **U.S.** peanut production was estimated at 5.89 billion pounds, up 6% from last year. Acres harvested are estimated to total 1.57 million acres, up 14% from the previous year. Yields averaged 3,742 pounds per acre, down 270 pound per acre from 2022.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is estimated at 30.1 million pounds, down 2% from the October forecast and up 1% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 2,350 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from October forecast and down 100 pounds from the 2022 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,800 acres, up 700 acres from last year's crop. **U.S.** production is estimated at 315 million pounds, up 5% from last year. Flue-cured growers harvested 138,000 acres, down 1% from 2022. Yields were estimated at 2,283 pounds per acre, up 122 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 195,000 pounds, down 24% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is estimated at 349,000 pounds, down 13% from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by Virginia farmers is forecast at 112,000 tons, up 17% the 2022 level. **Other hay** production in **Virginia** is estimated at 2.35 million tons, up 15% from last year.