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January 1 Virginia Crop Production

Corn production in **Virginia** is estimated at 34.8 million bushels, up 5% from the November forecast and down 40% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 114 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from the previous forecast and down 43 bushels from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 305,000 acres, down 65,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 14.9 billion bushels, down 2% from the November forecast and down 3% from 2023. Yields averaged 179.3 bushels per acre, down 3.8 bushels from the previous forecast and up 2.0 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 82.9 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast and down 4% from 2023.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is estimated at 26.4 million bushels, unchanged from the November forecast and up 22% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 44 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and up 6 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 600,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.37 billion bushels, down 2% from the November forecast and up 5% from last year. Yields were estimated at 50.7 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from last month and up 0.1 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 86.1 million acres, down slightly from the November forecast and up 5% from 2023.

Virginia cotton production is estimated at 205,000 bales, up 14% from the December forecast and up 10% from last year. Cotton yields were estimated at 1,093 pounds per acre, up 133 pounds from last month and down 29 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers harvested 90,000 acres, unchanged from the November forecast and up 10,000 acres from 2023. **U.S.** cotton production totaled 14.4 million 480-pound bales, up 1% from the November forecast and up 19% from 2023. Yields were estimated at 836 pounds per acre, up 44 pounds from last month and down 63 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is estimated at 13.9 million 480-pound bales, up 19% from 2023. Pima cotton production is estimated at 468,000 480-pound bales, up 48% from 2023.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** are estimated to produce 149 million pounds for 2024, up 7% from last year. Acres harvested were estimated at 30,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last year. Peanut yield is estimated at 4,950 pounds per acre, up 150 pounds from 2023. **U.S.** peanut production was estimated at 6.45 billion pounds, up 10% from last year. Acres harvested are projected to total 1.76 million acres, up 13% from the previous year. Yields averaged 3,668 pounds per acre, down 107 pound per acre from 2023.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is estimated at 25.4 million pounds, down 12% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 2,050 pounds per acre, down 250 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,400 acres, down 200 acres from last year's crop. **U.S.** production is estimated at 231 million pounds, down 26% from last year. Flue-cured growers harvested 126,400 acres, down 8% from 2023. Yields were estimated at 1,825 pounds per acre, down 451 pounds from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by Virginia farmers is forecast at 90,000 tons, down 20% the 2023 level. **Other hay** production in **Virginia** is estimated at 2.07 million tons, down 12% from last year.