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## AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

**Charleston, West Virginia** – All other hay production (excluding alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures) is forecast at 1,062,000 tons, up 42,000 tons from 2023. The area harvested is expected to total 590,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.80 tons, up .10 ton per acre from 2023.

## UNITED STATES AUGUST 1, 2024 FORECAST WITH 2023 COMPARISONS

- Corn production for grain – 15.1 billion bushels, down 1 percent.
- Corn yield – 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels per acre.
- Oats production – 67.6 million bushels, up 23 percent for comparable States.
- Winter wheat production – 1.36 billion bushels, up 9 percent for comparable States.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures hay production – 52.4 million tons, up 5 percent.
- Other hay production – 74.5 million tons, up 8 percent.
- All tobacco production – 374 million pounds, down 6 percent for comparable States.
- Burley tobacco production – 53.3 million pounds, down 13 percent for comparable States.
- Soybean production for beans – 4.59 billion bushels, up 10 percent.
- Barley production – 149.0 million bushels, down 20 percent.
- Apple production – 11.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent.
- Peach production – 719,000 tons, up 22 percent.