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## WEST VIRGINIA 2023 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

**Charleston, West Virginia – All hay** area harvested in 2023 totaled 610,000 acres, up 45,000 acres from 2022. The average yield in 2023 was 1.72 tons per acre, down 0.19 ton per acre from 2022. Production totaled 1,051,000 tons, down 29,000 tons from 2022. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 780,000 tons, unchanged from 2022.

**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 10,000 acres in 2023, down 5,000 acres from 2022. Yields in 2023 averaged 3.10 tons per acre, up 0.80 ton per acre from 2022. Production totaled 31,000 tons, down 4,000 tons from 2022. New seedings of alfalfa in 2023 are estimated at 1,000 acres, unchanged from 2022.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 600,000 acres in 2023, up 50,000 acres from 2022. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2022. Production totaled 1,020,000 tons, down 25,000 tons from 2022.

**Corn area planted** for all purposes in 2023 totaled 44,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from 2022. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 32,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2022. The average yield of 145.0 bushels per acre was down 23 bushels per acre from 2022. Production was 4,640,000 bushels, down 400,000 bushels from 2022.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 9,000 acres in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Yields averaged 17.0 tons per acre, down 4.0 tons per acre from 2022. Silage production was estimated at 153,000 tons, down 36,000 tons from 2022.

**Maple syrup number of taps** in 2023 was 69,000, down from 77,000 taps in 2022. Yield per tap was 0.159 gallon, down from 0.169 gallon in 2022. Production totaled 11,000 gallons in 2023, down from 13,000 gallons in 2022. Maple data were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 654,000 acres in 2023, up 49,000 acres from 2022. Area harvested totaled 651,000 acres, up 47,000 acres from 2022. Principal crops include acres planted to corn and acres harvested for all hay.

## UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 1.81 billion bushels, up 10%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.25 billion bushels, up 13%.
- 2024 Winter Wheat seedings - 34.4 million acres, down 6% from 2023.
- 2023 Alfalfa seedings - 1.74 million acres, up 4% from 2022.
- Alfalfa hay production - 49.9 million tons, up 2%.
- All other hay production - 68.9 million tons, up 9%.
- All hay production - 119.0 million tons, up 6%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 94.6 million acres, up 7%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 86.5 million acres, up 10%.
- Corn for grain production - 15.3 billion bushels, up 12%.
- Corn for grain yield - 177.3 bushels per acre, up 3.9 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.47 million acres, down 6%.
- Corn for silage production - 130.0 million tons, up 1%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.1 tons per acre, up 1.4 tons per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.16 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Soybean yield - 50.6 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel per acre.
- All tobacco production - 432.0 million pounds, down 1%.
- Oats production - 57.0 million bushels, down 1%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.18 million gallons, down 30%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 319.6 million acres, up 3%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 296.0 million acres, up 4%.

## U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2023

- Hay stocks on-farms - 76.7 million tons, up 7%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.83 billion bushels, up 16%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.34 billion bushels, up 7%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 395.0 million bushels, up 9%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.02 billion bushels, up 7%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.45 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.55 billion bushels, up slightly.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 24.0 million bushels, down 1%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 38.5 million bushels, up 31%.