

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices December 2007 <sup>9/</sup>
		December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) <sup>2/</sup>	Bu.	4.03	6.75	8.51	4.53	7.32	9.22	11.20
Corn	Bu.	3.73	3.87	4.34	3.01	3.43	3.88	8.31
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.84	2.79	3.70	2.93	4.34	4.81	7.83
Hay, Baled: All <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	100.00	139.00	144.00	110.00	131.00	133.00	—
Alfalfa <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	131.00	180.00	189.00	111.00	135.00	136.00	—
Other <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	95.00	132.00	137.00	107.00	123.00	126.00	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.176	.217	.209	.671
Soybeans	Bu.	6.18	10.23	11.21	6.18	9.41	10.40	18.40
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	0.19	0.34	0.34	.310	.345	.348	.651
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	6.79	6.47	6.75	17.70
Oats	Bu.	2.34	2.45	2.66	2.01	2.73	2.71	4.65
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	62.20	76.90	67.10	83.10	89.70	89.10	220.00
Cows	Cwt.	37.90	39.50	40.70	42.20	43.90	44.10	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	80.60	90.00	87.00	89.00	95.90	95.50	—
Calves	Cwt.	99.40	102.00	103.00	116.00	119.00	119.00	316.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	43.50	38.20	39.50	126.00
Milk: All, Wholesale <sup>4/ 8/</sup>	Cwt.	16.00	25.00	24.80	14.20	21.90	21.70	41.50
Fluid Consumption <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt.	16.00	25.00	24.80	14.20	21.90	21.70	—
Manufacture <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt.	--	--	--	14.00	20.50	20.50	—
Market Eggs <sup>3/ 5/</sup>	Doz.	0.76	1.30	1.38	.665	1.180	1.280	1.90
Broilers, Live <sup>6/</sup>	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.400	.450	.440	—
Turkeys, Live <sup>3/ 6/</sup>	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.427	.616	.526	1.21

-- No sales indicated or not available. <sup>1/</sup> Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. <sup>2/</sup> Parity price is for All Wheat. <sup>3/</sup> All prices are mid-month. <sup>4/</sup> Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. <sup>5/</sup> Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. <sup>6/</sup> Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. <sup>7/</sup> Discontinued. <sup>8/</sup> December 2007 Fat test percent: all milk 3.80 fluid milk 3.80, mfg. grade 4.12. <sup>9/</sup> Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996 - 2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996-Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted.

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# VIRGINIA CROPS AND LIVESTOCK

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### Virginia's Corn, Soybeans, Cotton, and Tobacco Production Down, While Winter Wheat Seedings Are Up

Spring began with dry conditions throughout Virginia. Periodic rains brought some relief improving soil moisture levels in some parts of the Commonwealth. Late summer conditions were hot and dry. Sporadic rains brought relief to some farmers across the state, but many crops were unable to benefit from the late season rain showers. Due to such a dry spring and summer, many crop yields were low.

Corn for grain yields averaged 85 bushels per acre, down 35 bushels from the previous year's yield. Production is estimated at 34.4 million bushels, 17 percent below the 2006 production. 405,000 acres were harvested for grain, which is 60,000 acres more than last year. Corn silage acres harvested totaled 140,000 acres, with a yield of 14.5 tons per acre.

Soybean yields averaged 27 bushels per acre, 4 bushel below 2006. A total of 480,000 acres were harvested for beans, down 30,000 acres from the previous year. Soybean production is estimated at 13 million bushels, 18 percent less than last year's production.

Virginia's peanut producers harvested an average of 2,700 pounds per acre this season, down 500 pounds per acre from last year. Peanut production is estimated at 56.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from the 2006 production.

Cotton production is estimated at 105,000 bales, down 32 percent from 2006. The cotton yield forecast is 854 pounds per acre, up 140 pounds from 2006's yield. Producers harvested 59,000 acres in 2006, a decrease of 45,000 acres from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco yields averaged 2,250 pounds per acre, 220 pounds below 2470 pounds per acre harvested in 2006. Virginia's production is expected to total 40.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from last year. Burley tobacco yield is estimated at 1,800 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2006. Burley production is estimated at 4 million pounds, down 14 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seedings for Virginia is at 280,000 acres. This up 50,000 acres from 2007 and the highest since 1999.

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**VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION**

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Crop	Acres Planted			Acres For Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Unit	Production		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007		2005	2006	2007
	-Thousand Acres-			-Thousand Acres-			-Units -				-Thousand Units-		
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Lbs.	250,000	220,000	210,000
Barley	60	58	48	45	42	30	87	77	71	Bu.	3,915	3,234	2,130
Corn for Grain	490	480	550	360	345	405	118	120	85	Bu.	42,480	41,400	34,425
Corn for Silage 1/	---	---	---	125	130	140	17.0	17.5	14.5	Tons	2,125	2,275	2,030
Cotton, Upland 2/	93	105	60	92	104	59	955	717	854	Bales	183.0	155.4	105.0
All Hay	---	---	---	1,320	1,240	1,340	2.68	2.32	1.86	Tons	3,542	2,882	2,489
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	110	110	110	3.60	3.60	2.50	Tons	396	396	275
Other Hay	---	---	---	1,210	1,130	1,230	2.60	2.20	1.80	Tons	3,146	2,486	2,214
Oats 3/	14	16	16	3	4	5	61.0	55.0	68.0	Bu.	183	220	340
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Tons	4.7	4.0	2.1
Peanuts	23	17	22	22	17	21	3,000	3,200	2,700	Lbs.	66,000	54,400	56,700
Summer Potatoes	5.0	6.0	5.6	4.9	5.6	5.4	210	270	210	Cwt.	1,029	1,512	1,134
Sweet Potatoes	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	125	120	120	Cwt.	38	48	36
Soybeans	530	520	500	510	510	480	30.0	31.0	27.0	Bu.	15,300	15,810	12,960
Tobacco 4/	---	---	---	17.14	19.65	20.60	2,354	2,408	2,197	Lbs.	40,351	47,322	45,260
Flue-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	14.00	17.00	18.00	2,410	2,470	2,250	Lbs.	33,740	41,990	40,500
Burley Tobacco	---	---	---	2.80	2.30	2.20	2,100	2,000	1,800	Lbs.	5,880	4,600	3,960
Fire-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	.34	.35	.40	2,150	2,090	2,000	Lbs.	731	732	800
Winter Wheat	180	190	230	160	155	205	63	68	64	Bu.	10,080	10,540	13,120

1/ Silage planted included in corn for grain planted. 2/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 3/ Acres for harvest is grain only. 4/ Includes all types.



**Agricultural Trivia**

**Did you know that an ear of corn averages 500 kernels in 16 rows?**

**GRAIN STOCKS: BY POSITION, MONTH, UNITED STATES, 2006-2007 1/**

Months	2006			2007		
	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All
	-1,000 bushels-					
<b>Corn</b>						
Mar 1	4,055,000	2,932,328	6,987,328	3,330,000	2,738,250	6,068,250
Jun 1	2,350,500	2,011,199	4,361,699	1,826,600	1,706,843	3,533,443
Sep 1	749,500	1,217,661	1,967,161	460,100	843,547	1,303,647
Dec 1	5,627,000	3,305,707	8,932,707	6,530,000	3,738,599	10,268,599
<b>Oats</b>						
Mar 1	42,200	32,673	74,873	33,900	37,158	71,058
Jun 1	25,190	27,376	52,566	18,400	32,198	50,598
Sep 1	60,800	39,284	100,084	53,650	34,710	88,360
Dec 1	53,000	45,889	98,889	43,100	51,370	94,470
<b>Barley</b>						
Mar 1	68,400	98,354	166,754	38,310	78,756	117,066
Jun 1	30,770	77,161	107,931	14,580	54,300	68,880
Sep 1	112,850	99,939	212,789	105,600	83,095	188,695
Dec 1	83,650	89,171	172,821	62,050	73,028	135,078
<b>All Wheat</b>						
Mar 1	256,000	716,215	972,215	192,450	664,278	856,728
Jun 1	111,010	460,180	571,190	73,190	382,963	456,153
Sep 1	572,020	1,178,525	1,750,545	495,000	1,221,927	1,716,927
Dec 1	403,250	911,408	1,314,658	289,540	838,371	1,127,911
<b>Soybeans</b>						
Mar 1	872,000	797,206	1,669,206	910,000	876,887	1,786,887
Jun 1	495,500	495,199	990,699	500,000	592,185	1,092,185
Sep 1	176,300	273,026	449,326	143,000	430,810	573,810
Dec 1	1,461,000	1,240,366	2,701,366	1,100,000	1,229,405	2,329,405

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

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