

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices August 2005
		August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	
		-Dollars -			- Dollars -			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	2.60	2.95	2.73	3.19	3.15	3.11	10.40
Corn	Bu.	2.44	2.43	2.23	2.34	2.11	1.89	6.99
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.73	1.53	1.46	2.77	2.38	2.75	7.08
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	86.00	80.00	92.00	92.20	99.70	99.70	-
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	102.00	110.00	115.00	99.30	109.00	109.00	-
Other 3/	Ton	84.00	75.00	88.00	71.90	75.90	74.80	-
All Tobacco	Cwt.	174.00	--	--	175.50	--	--	-
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.190	.160	.173	.657
Soybeans	Bu.	6.22	6.78	5.89	6.83	6.65	6.09	16.90
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	.270	--	--	.268	.153	.202	.548
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	11.60	--	5.77	8.69	7.51	15.70
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	87.50	84.60	88.60	87.70	85.30	84.70	181.00
Cows	Cwt.	48.60	52.20	49.80	54.70	53.80	51.90	-
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	105.00	102.00	106.00	91.00	88.40	88.00	-
Calves	Cwt.	118.00	117.00	117.00	131.00	132.00	131.00	246.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	55.30	49.80	50.00	112.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	16.30	16.00	16.20	14.90	14.80	14.70	37.00
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	16.30	16.00	16.20	14.90	14.90	14.80	-
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	14.20	14.20	14.00	-
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.400	.390	.380	.337	.326	.257	1.77
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.460	.440	.440	-
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.451	.450	.469	1.060

-- No sales indicated. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.55 fluid, milk 3.54, mfg. grade 3.71.

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VIRGINIA'S SOYBEAN YIELD UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS FORECAST

Results from a survey conducted September 1 by the Virginia Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service indicated that Virginia's soybean yield prospects remained unchanged since the last forecast on August 1.

Soybean producers expect to harvest an average of 34 bushels per acre from 530,000 acres. This remains unchanged from the August 1 forecast. Production is expected to total 18.0 million bushels.

Virginia corn yields are expected to average 124 bushels per acre, an increase of 2 bushels per acre from the previous forecast of 122 bushels per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total nearly 44.6 million bushels, which is down 14 percent from the previous year.

The State's peanut yield remains the same as the previous forecast at 2,800 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 61.6 million pounds. Peanut producers will harvest 22,000 acres in 2005 which is a decrease of 10,000 acres from the previous year.

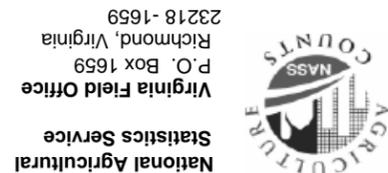
The State's cotton yield is forecast at 678 pounds per acre, down from 699 pounds per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total 130 thousand bales.

Flue-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 2,500 pounds per acre and production is expected to total 35 million pounds from 14,000 acres based on September 1 conditions. If realized, this would be 39 percent below last year's production.

Burley tobacco yield is forecast at 1,700 pounds per acre. This would bring total production to 4.6 million pounds from 2,700 acres. This compares with last year's average yield of 1,390 pounds per acre, and a total production of 8.2 million pounds harvested from 5,900 acres.

Fire tobacco yield is forecast at 2,300 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at nearly 805 thousand pounds from 350 acres.

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ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS, 2004-2005

Crop	Units	Planted		Acres For Harvest		Yield		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
		<i>-1,000 Acres-</i>		<i>-1,000 Acres-</i>					
Corn	bu.	500	490	360	360	145.0	124.0	52,200	44,640
Summer Potatoes	cwt.	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.9	240	230	1,200	1,127
Soybeans	bu.	540	540	530	530	39.0	34.0	20,670	18,020
Peanuts	lbs.	33	23	32	22	3,250	2,800	104,000	61,600
Upland Cotton	1/	82	93	81	92	956	678	161.4	130.0
Tobacco	lbs.	---	---	29.68	17.05	2,267	2,369	67,285	40,395
Flue-cured Tobacco	lbs.	---	---	23.00	14.00	2,505	2,500	57,615	35,000
Fire-cured Tobacco	lbs.	---	---	.71	.35	1,895	2,300	1,345	805
Burley Tobacco	lbs.	---	---	5.90	2.70	1,390	1,700	8,201	4,590
Sun -Cured Tobacco 2/	lbs.	---	---	.70	0	1,770	0	124	0

N/A Not available. 1/ Yield in pounds, production in bales. 2/ No Sun-Cured Tobacco is expected to be harvested in 2005.

FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S. 1/, July 10-16 2005, WITH COMPARISONS

Farm Employment	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	Jul. 11-17, 2004	Apr. 10-16, 2005	Jul. 10-16, 2005	Jul. 11-17, 2004	Apr. 10-16, 2005*	Jul. 10-16, 2005
Hired Workers Employed	<i>-1,000 workers-</i>			<i>-1,000 workers-</i>		
150 days or more	51	28	38	961	753	930
149 days or less	30	24	25	637	600	656
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	2/	2/	2/	343	247	402
Hired Farm & Service	2/	2/	2/	1,304	1,000	1,332
Hours Worked	<i>Hours Per Week</i>					
Hired	34.8	34.3	34.6	39.2	39.9	40.6
Wage Rates For All Hired Workers 3/ 4/	<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>					
Type of Worker:						
Field & Livestock Combined	8.67	9.07	9.03	9.04	9.35	9.39
Field	8.10	8.50	8.46	8.43	8.72	8.78
Livestock	8.07	8.38	8.44	8.34	8.56	8.62
	8.25	8.85	8.53	8.74	9.14	9.25

* Revised. 1/ Excludes Alaska. 2/Insufficient data for this category. 3/Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

