

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices August 2007 ^{9/}
		August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) ^{2/}	Bu.	2.95	5.08	5.84	2.93	3.77	5.14	11.00
Corn	Bu.	2.33	3.55	3.56	2.09	3.32	3.17	8.10
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.52	2.57	3.15	2.70	3.45	3.57	7.64
Hay, Baled: All ^{3/}	Ton	97.00	110.00	110.00	106.00	131.00	132.00	—
Alfalfa ^{3/}	Ton	119.00	146.00	145.00	109.00	137.00	137.00	—
Other ^{3/}	Ton	93.00	105.00	104.00	96.20	113.00	118.00	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.170	.187	.180	.654
Soybeans	Bu.	5.30	8.15	7.79	5.23	7.56	7.49	17.90
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	--	--	--	.359	.293	.326	.635
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	14.10	--	8.23	8.48	7.98	17.30
Oats	Bu.	2.27	2.45	2.58	1.67	2.33	2.25	4.54
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	82.10	79.70	78.50	87.20	89.20	90.50	214.00
Cows	Cwt.	42.10	46.70	47.00	46.80	51.40	51.50	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	100.00	97.40	98.60	91.50	93.10	94.40	—
Calves	Cwt.	120.00	111.00	106.00	136.00	127.00	129.00	308.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	51.60	52.20	53.20	123.00
Milk: All, Wholesale ^{4/ 8/}	Cwt.	14.50	24.10	24.80	12.00	21.70	21.70	40.50
Fluid Consumption ^{8/}	Cwt.	14.50	24.10	24.80	12.10	21.70	21.70	—
Manufacture ^{8/}	Cwt.	--	--	--	11.10	20.70	20.30	—
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	.47	.90	.90	.372	.812	.716	1.86
Broilers, Live ^{6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.420	.510	.500	—
Turkeys, Live ^{3/ 6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.486	.555	.577	1.18

— No sales indicated or not available. ^{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 live weight returns to producers for most states. ^{7/} Discontinued. ^{8/} August 2007 Fat test percent: all milk 3.57 fluid milk 3.56, mfg. grade 3.77. ^{9/} 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'S SOYBEAN YIELDS IMPROVE WHILE PEANUT, TOBACCO AND COTTON YIELDS ARE DOWN FROM PREVIOUS FORECAST

Dry conditions for most of the summer have adversely impacted Virginia's row crop yield prospects. While timely rains in some areas have been beneficial for soybeans, Virginia producers expected lower yields for peanuts, cotton and tobacco, based on conditions as of September 1st, according to the Virginia Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean producers expect to harvest an average of 27 bushels per acre from 490,000 acres, an increase of 2 bushels per acre from the previous forecast of 25 bushels per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total 13.2 million bushels.

Virginia corn yields are expected to average 80 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast on August 1. Production is expected to total 32 million bushels, which is down 23 percent from the previous year.

The state's peanut yield is forecast to be 2,400 pounds per acre. This is down 400 pounds per acre from the August forecast. Production is expected to total 50.4 million pounds, which is up 2 percent from last year. Peanut producers will harvest 21,000 acres in 2007 which is an increase of 5,000 acres from the previous year.

Based on September 1 conditions, flue-cured tobacco yield is forecast to be 2,000 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 36 million pounds from 18,000 acres. If realized, this would be 13 percent below last year's production.

Burley tobacco yield is forecast to be 1,900 pounds per acre, bringing total production to 4.2 million pounds from 2,200 acres. This compares with last year's average yield of 2,000 pounds per acre, and a total production of 4.6 million pounds harvested from 2,300 acres.

Fire tobacco yield is forecast to be 2,000 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at nearly 800 thousand pounds from 400 acres.

The state's cotton yield is forecast to be 586 pounds per acre, down 14 pounds per acre from August 1. Production is expected to total 72 thousand bales.

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VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION

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-		
Barley	60	58	53	45	42	35	87	77	71	Bu.	3,915	3,234	2,485
Corn for Grain	490	480	530	360	345	400	118	120	80	Bu.	42,480	41,400	32,000
Corn for Silage 1/	---	---	---	125	130	5/	17.0	17.5	5/	Tons	2,125	2,275	5/
Cotton, Upland 2/	93	105	60	92	104	59	955	717	586	Bales	183.0	155.4	72
All Hay	---	---	---	1,320	1,240	1,280	2.68	2.32	2.07	Tons	3,542	2,882	2,648
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	110	110	110	3.60	3.60	2.80	Tons	396	396	308
Other Hay	---	---	---	1,210	1,130	1,170	2.60	2.20	2.00	Tons	3,146	2,486	2,340
Oats 3/	14	16	15	3	4	4	61.0	55.0	5/	Bu.	183	220	5/
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Tons	4.7	4.0	2.1
Peanuts	23	17	22	22	16	21	3,000	3,100	2,400	Lbs.	66,000	49,600	50,400
Summer Potatoes	5.0	6.0	6.0	4.9	5.6	5.8	210	270	185	Cwt.	1,029	1,512	1,073
Sweet Potatoes	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	125	120	5/	Cwt.	38	48	5/
Soybeans	530	520	500	510	510	490	30.0	31.0	27.0	Bu.	15,300	15,810	13,230
Tobacco 4/	---	---	---	17.14	19.65	20.60	2,354	2,374	1,989	Lbs.	40,351	46,642	40,980
Flue-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	14.00	17.00	18.00	2,410	2,430	2,000	Lbs.	33,740	41,310	36,000
Burley Tobacco	---	---	---	2.80	2.30	2.20	2,100	2,000	1,900	Lbs.	5,880	4,600	4,180
Fire-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	.34	.35	.40	2,150	2,090	2,000	Lbs.	731	732	800
Winter Wheat	180	190	230	160	155	185	63	68	65	Bu.	10,080	10,540	12,025

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. 5/ Not estimated yet.



Milk Cows and Milk Production

Region	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Milk Per Cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}		
	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007
	-Thousand Head-			-Pounds-			-Million Pounds-		
Florida	131	126	127	1,350	1,465	1,380	177	185	175
New York	638	626	626	1,605	1,620	1,645	1,024	1,014	1,030
Pennsylvania	555	549	550	1,600	1,590	1,610	888	873	886
Virginia	103	100	100	1,390	1,440	1,465	143	144	147
23 State Total ^{3/}	8,258	8,294	8,308	1,688	1,713	1,743	13,937	14,204	14,483

1/ Monthly average includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 23 State Total includes AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA AND WI.

Turkeys Raised

State	Number Raised ^{1/}		2007 As % of 2006
	2006 ^{2/}	2007	
	-1,000 Head-		-Percent-
Maryland	730	800	110
North Carolina	37,500	39,000	104
Pennsylvania	10,500	10,500	100
South Carolina	9,600	10,500	109
Virginia	21,500	21,500	100
West Virginia	3,600	3,700	103
28 State Total ^{3/}	262,460	271,676	104

1/ Excludes young turkeys lost. 2/ Revised. 3/ 28 State Total includes AR, CA, CO, IL, IN, IA, KS, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, SC, SD, TX, UT, VT, VA, WI and WV.

**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S.,
July 8 - 14, 2007, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}**

Farm Employment	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	July 9-15, 2006	April 8-14, 2007	July 8-14, 2007	July 9-15, 2006	April 8-14, 2007	July 8-14, 2007
	-1,000 workers-			-1,000 workers-		
Hired Workers Employed	40	20	40	876	*736	847
150 days or more	28	16	26	630	*593	600
149 days or less	12	4	14	246	*143	247
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	4/	4/	4/	320	*253	358
Hired Farm & Service	4/	4/	4/	1,196	*989	1,205
	Hours Per Week					
Hours Worked						
Hired	37.1	36.5	37.1	41.0	*40.7	41.6
	Dollars Per Hour					
Wage Rates For All ^{3/} Hired Workers ^{2/ 3/}	9.64	9.32	9.25	9.72	*10.20	10.04
Type of Worker:						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.15	8.75	8.80	9.07	*9.42	9.44
Field	9.14	8.46	8.80	8.93	9.35	9.31
Livestock	9.18	9.22	8.80	9.49	*9.59	9.80

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