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VIRGINIA'S ROW CROP YIELDS UP FROM 2003

Based on conditions as of August 1, Virginia producers expect row crops to have higher yields compared to last year. Cotton yield is forecast to average 877 pounds per acre, up 30 percent from last year's 674 pounds per acre. If realized production would be 148,000 bales, up 24 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 81,000 acres in 2004, down 5 percent from last year.

Soybean producers currently expect to harvest 490,000 acres with an average yield of 36 bushels per acre. Production is expected to total 17.6 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year.

Virginia's corn yields are expected to be 137 bushels per acre which is 19 percent higher than last year. Production is estimated at 45.2 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2003. Harvested acres at 330,000 is equal to last year.

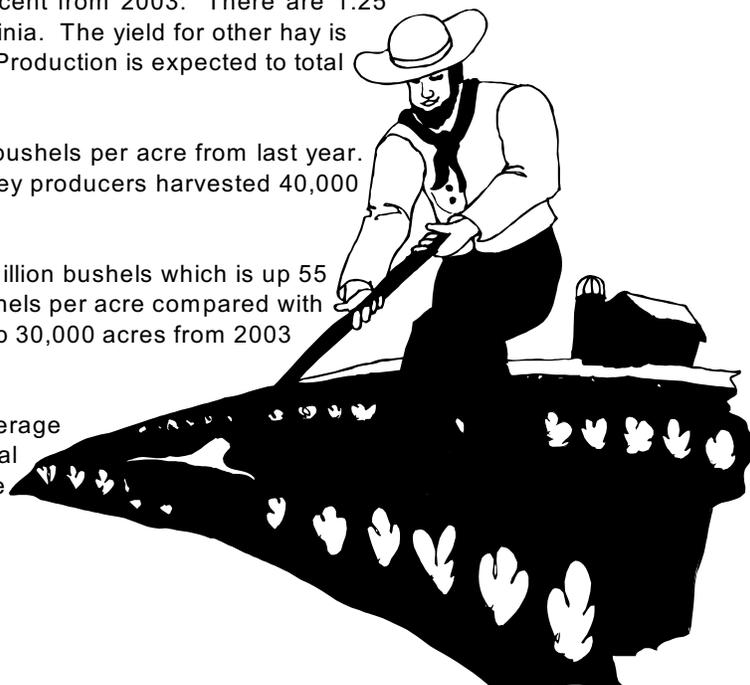
Peanut production has increased due to an increase in harvested acres from 33,000 acres last year to 34,000 this year. Yield is forecast at 3,100 pounds per acre which is 200 pounds per acre above the previous year. Resulting production will be 10 percent above 2003 at 105,400,000 pounds.

Hay producers expect to harvest 120,000 acres of alfalfa hay with an average yield of 3.5 tons per acre. Production is expected to total 420,000 tons, down 8 percent from 2003. There are 1.25 million acres of other hay expected to be harvested in Virginia. The yield for other hay is expected to average 2.6 tons per acre, equal to last year. Production is expected to total 3.25 million tons, up 9 percent from the previous year.

Barley yields averaged 70 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels per acre from last year. The resulting production will total 2.8 million bushels. Barley producers harvested 40,000 acres, which was down 5,000 acres from last year.

Winter wheat production is expected to total 11.4 million bushels which is up 55 percent from the previous year. Yield is forecast at 60 bushels per acre compared with 46 bushels per acre a year earlier. Harvested acreage is up 30,000 acres from 2003 to 190,000 acres.

Flue tobacco producers currently expect yields to average 2,350 pounds, up 660 pounds from 2003. Production will total 54.0 million pounds from 23,000 acres. Harvested acreage increased 5,000 acres due to quota carryover.



CASH RECEIPTS AND GROSS FARM INCOME

Commodity	Cash Receipts			Percentage of All Commodities 2/		
	2001 3/	2002 3/	2003 4/	2001	2002	2003
	-Thousand Dollars-			-Percent-		
Field Crops	451,444	379,807	369,416	18.4	17.6	16.6
Tobacco	124,374	121,995	89,523	5.1	5.7	4.0
Soybeans	76,073	65,308	81,011	3.1	3.0	3.6
Corn	70,044	50,350	62,286	2.9	2.3	2.8
Hay	37,065	31,623	40,065	1.5	1.5	1.8
Cotton, Lint and Seed	37,407	23,478	30,325	1.5	1.1	1.4
Wheat	27,942	33,002	22,929	1.1	1.5	1.0
Peanuts	58,922	27,890	21,628	2.4	1.3	1.0
Potatoes, Summer	9,158	16,942	11,134	0.4	0.8	0.5
Barley	7,046	6,066	7,242	0.3	0.3	0.3
Sweet potatoes	1,469	1,525	1,660	0.1	0.1	0.1
Sorghum grain	634	523	507	*	*	*
Other field crops 5/	1,310	1,105	1,106	0.1	0.1	*
Vegetables	75,333	88,479	95,619	3.1	4.1	4.3
Tomatoes, fresh	40,700	57,240	60,192	1.7	2.7	2.7
Cucumbers, fresh	3,458	3,024	6,534	0.1	0.1	0.3
Beans, snap, fresh	7,344	4,370	5,290	0.3	0.2	0.2
Corn, sweet, fresh	8,430	2,392	3,168	0.3	0.1	0.1
Cabbage, fresh	2,072	2,660	1,827	0.1	0.1	0.1
Watermelons	2,058	1,728	1,296	0.1	0.1	0.1
Peppers, green, fresh	1,290	6/	6/	0.1	*	*
Misc. vegetables 7/	9,981	17,065	17,312	0.4	0.8	0.8
Fruits/nuts	44,370	44,916	40,525	1.8	2.1	1.8
Apples	26,979	28,494	24,827	1.1	1.3	1.1
Grapes	4,788	6,075	4,420	0.2	0.3	0.2
Peaches	2,219	2,747	3,478	0.1	0.1	0.2
Strawberries	5,084	8/	8/	0.2	*	*
Misc. fruits & nuts 9/	5,300	7,600	7,800	0.2	0.4	0.4
Greenhouse Nursery & Forest products	182,457	190,043	189,574	7.4	8.8	8.5
Floriculture	79,457	86,043	83,474	3.2	4.0	3.7
Other Horticultural Production 10/	103,000	104,000	106,100	4.2	4.8	4.8
Livestock and products	1,701,769	1,451,314	1,532,161	69.3	67.4	68.8
Broilers	518,856	390,300	441,660	21.1	18.1	19.8
Cattle and calves	349,753	322,331	339,260	14.2	15.0	15.2
Milk, wholesale	318,240	267,386	244,666	13.0	12.4	11.0
Turkeys	206,854	165,016	177,192	8.4	7.7	8.0
Chicken eggs	61,344	60,433	73,160	2.5	2.8	3.3
Hogs	48,155	44,328	50,533	2.0	2.1	2.3
Aquaculture	24,718	22,359	22,948	1.0	1.0	1.0
Sheep and lambs	3,202	3,181	3,233	0.1	0.1	0.1
Honey	590	578	375	*	*	*
Wool	56	66	73	*	*	*
Other livestock 11/	170,001	175,336	179,061	6.9	8.1	8.0
All Commodities	2,455,373	2,154,559	2,227,295			
Poultry and Eggs	787,054	615,749	692,012	32.1	28.6	31.1
Field Crops	451,444	379,807	369,416	18.4	17.6	16.6
Meat Animals	401,110	369,840	393,026	16.3	17.2	17.6
Milk, Wholesale	318,240	267,386	244,666	13.0	12.4	11.0
Misc Livestock 12/	195,365	198,339	202,457	8.0	9.2	9.1
Greenhouse, Nursery & Forest Products	182,457	190,043	189,574	7.4	8.8	8.5
Vegetables	75,333	88,479	95,619	3.1	4.1	4.3
Fruits	44,370	44,916	40,525	1.8	2.1	1.8
Gross Income						
Gross Receipts from Marketings	2,455,373	2,154,559	2,227,295	95.4	93.3	92.6
Government Payments	117,158	153,791	176,953	4.6	6.7	7.4
Gross Cash receipts 13/	2,572,531	2,308,350	2,404,248	100.0	100.0	100.0

* Less than 0.05 percent. 1/ Ranked in descending order based on year 2003. 2/ Percent of cash receipts based on marketings. 3/ Revised. 4/ Preliminary.

5/ Includes mushrooms, sunflower, rye, seed crops, and other field crops. 6/ Value included in other vegetables. 7/ Includes fresh and/or processed snap beans, broccoli, cucumbers, cabbage, eggplant, escarole, lettuce, onions, green peas, green peppers, spinach, cantaloupes, and other miscellaneous vegetables. 8/ Value included in Misc. fruits and nuts. 9/ Includes cherries, grapes, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, and other miscellaneous fruits and nuts. 10/ Includes Christmas trees and other nursery and horticultural production. 11/ Includes turkey eggs, ducks, other poultry, horses, mules, beeswax, mink pelts and all other livestock. 12/ Includes beeswax, honey, wool, horses, mules, aquaculture, and other livestock. 13/ Excludes custom work, machine hire, and other farm business related income.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS, 2003-2004

Crop	Planted		Acres For Harvest		Yield		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>-1,000 Acres-</i>		<i>-Thousands</i>		<i>-Bushels-</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Corn	470	470	330	330	115.0	137.0	37,950	45,210
Barley	75	50	45	40	62.0	70.0	2,790	2,800
Winter Wheat	210	210	160	190	46.0	60.0	7,360	11,400
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	130	120	3.50	3.50	455	420
Other Hay	---	---	1,150	1,250	2.60	2.60	2,990	3,250
Soybeans	500	510	480	490	34.0	36.0	16,320	17,640
Peanuts	34	35	33	34	2,900	3,100	95,700	105,400
Upland Cotton	89	82	85	81	674	877	119.4	148.0
Tobacco	---	---	25,110	31,270	1,546	2,217	38,818	69,325
Flue-cured Tobacco	---	---	18,000	23,000	1,690	2,350	30,420	54,050
Fire-cured Tobacco	---	---	550	700	1,525	1,850	839	1,295
Burley Tobacco	---	---	6,500	7,500	1,150	1,850	7,475	13,875
Sun -Cured Tobacco	---	---	60	70	1,400	1,500	84	105
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.0	10.0
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---	270.0	260.0
Grapes	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,600	5,100

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUES

FARM REAL ESTATE: Average Value Per Acre, January 1, 2000-2004

State	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>-Dollars-</i>				
KY	1,650	1,750	1,830	1,900	2,000
NC	2,450	2,680	2,900	3,100	3,300
TN	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,500
VA	2,230	2,380	2,530	2,700	2,850
WV	1,210	1,270	1,330	1,400	1,500

CROPLAND: Average Value Per Acre, January 1, 2000-2004

State	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>-Dollars-</i>				
KY	1,800	1,900	2,000	2,100	2,230
NC	2,350	2,550	2,750	2,950	3,150
TN	2,120	2,200	2,270	2,350	2,420
VA	2,150	2,350	2,550	2,800	3,050
WV	1,700	1,800	1,920	2,050	2,200

PASTURE: Average Value Per Acre, January 1, 2000-2004

State	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	<i>-Dollars-</i>				
KY	1,380	1,410	1,440	1,460	1,530
NC	2,450	2,640	2,830	3,010	3,200
TN	2,050	2,150	2,250	2,350	2,450
VA	1,900	2,000	2,100	2,250	2,350
WV	980	1,060	1,120	1,200	1,280

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Jul 2004
		Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	
		<i>-Dollars -</i>			<i>- Dollars -</i>			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	2.84	3.25	2.89	2.89	3.47	3.31	10.00
Corn	Bu.	2.61	3.13	2.66	2.17	2.79	2.42	6.74
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.50	1.72	1.79	2.74	2.64	2.50	6.69
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	83.00	89.00	81.00	89.00	95.20	90.40	-
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	106.00	125.00	105.00	92.70	102.00	98.40	-
Other 3/	Ton	80.00	85.00	79.00	77.80	76.90	70.90	-
All Tobacco	Lb.	1.950	-	-	1.790	-	--	-
Peanuts	Lb.	-	.237	-	--	.199	--	.658
Soybeans	Bu.	5.73	8.51	7.57	5.82	9.05	8.21	15.90
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	-	-	-	.208	.301	.295	.526
Potatoes	Cwt.	-	-	8.30	6.30	6.49	6.59	15.20
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	65.10	83.20	86.80	75.80	89.50	87.50	170.00
Cows	Cwt.	40.10	52.40	53.10	44.90	53.60	55.90	-
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	78.60	102.00	105.00	78.90	93.50	91.10	-
Calves	Cwt.	86.00	117.00	119.00	102.00	125.00	128.00	228.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	42.70	56.60	56.90	105.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	13.40	20.30	18.00	12.10	18.20	16.20	35.00
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	13.40	20.30	18.00	12.10	18.30	16.20	-
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	11.80	16.90	14.90	-
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.540	.510	.470	.524	.496	.399	1.69
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.360	.520	.520	-
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.366	.420	.436	1.020

-- 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 3.54 fluid, milk 3.54, mfg. grade 3.64.

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