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VIRGINIA'S CORN YIELD UP FROM PREVIOUS FORECAST

Results from a survey conducted September 1 by the Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service indicated that Virginia's corn yield prospects have increased since the last forecast on August 1. Timely rains coupled with warm, sunny conditions have improved crop conditions.

Virginia corn yields are expected to average 143 bushels per acre, an increase of 6 bushels per acre from the previous forecast of 137 bushels per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total nearly 47.2 million bushels, which is up 4 percent from the previous forecast.

The state's peanut yield remains the same as the previous forecast at 3,100 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 99.2 million pounds. Peanut producers will harvest 32,000 acres in 2004 which is a decrease of 1,000 acres from the previous year.

Soybean producers expect to harvest an average of 36 bushels per acre from 490,000 acres. This remains unchanged from the August 1 forecast. Production is expected to total 17.6 million bushels.

The state's cotton yield is forecast at 836 pounds per acre, down from 877 pounds per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total 141 thousand bales.

Flue-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 2,350 pounds per acre and production is expected to total 54 million pounds from 23,000 acres based on September 1 conditions. If realized this would be 78 percent above last year's production.

Burley tobacco yield is forecast at 1,850 pounds per acre. This would bring total production to 13.9 million pounds from 7,500 acres. This compares with last year's average yield of 1,150 pounds per acre and a total production of 7.5 million pounds harvested from 6,500 acres.

Fire tobacco yield is forecast at 1,850 pounds per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast. Production is forecast at nearly 1.3 million pounds from 700 acres.

Sun tobacco yield remains unchanged from the August forecast. Sun producers will harvest 70 acres yielding 1,500 pounds to the acre. This would make production 105,000 pounds.

**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S. 1/,
July 11-17 2004, WITH COMPARISONS**

Farm Employment	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	Jul. 6-12, 2003	Apr. 11-17, 2004	Jul. 11-17, 2004	Jul. 6-12, 2003	Apr. 11-17, 2004	Jul. 11-17, 2004
	-1,000 workers-			-1,000 workers-		
Hired Workers Employed	53	27	51	943	827	953
150 days or more	28	20	30	680	651	637
149 days or less	25	7	21	263	176	316
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	2/	2/	2/	320.0	257	340.0
Hired Farm & Service Workers	2/	2/	2/	1,263	1,084	1,293
Hours Worked						
Hired	32.0	36.6	34.8	39.8	40.6	39.3
				<i>Hours Per Week</i>		
				<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>		
Wage Rates For All	8.30	8.82	8.67	8.88	9.23	9.10
Type of Worker:						
Field & Livestock Combined	7.76	8.14	8.10	8.26	8.59	8.50
Field	7.61	8.01	8.07	8.17	8.47	8.12
Livestock	8.17	8.38	8.25	8.57	8.95	8.75

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.

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

Crop	Planted		Acres For Harvest		Yield		Units	Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
	-1,000 Acres-		-Thousands-		-Units-			-1,000 Units-	
Corn	470	470	330	330	115.0	143.0	Bu.	37,950	47,190
Soybeans	500	510	480	490	34.0	36.0	Bu.	16,320	17,640
Peanuts	34	33	33	32	2,900	3,100	Lbs.	95,700	99,200
Upland Cotton 1/	89	82	85	81	674	836	1/	119.4	141.0
Tobacco	---	---	25,110	31,270	1,546	2,217	Lbs.	38,818	69,325
Flue-cured Tobacco	---	---	18,000	23,000	1,690	2,350	Lbs.	30,420	54,050
Fire-cured Tobacco	---	---	550	700	1,525	1,850	Lbs.	839	1,295
Burley Tobacco	---	---	6,500	7,500	1,150	1,850	Lbs.	7,475	13,875
Sun -Cured Tobacco	---	---	60	70	1,400	1,500	Lbs.	84	105
Summer Potatoes	7.0	6.0	6.2	5.1	250	230	Cwt	1,550	1,173

N/A Not available. 1/ Yield in pounds, production in bales.

**Are conservation practices improving water, soil, and air quality?
Do conservation practices enhance wildlife habitats across this country?**

To help answer these questions, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct [the National Resource Inventory - Conservation Effects Assessment Project in October.](#)



STOCKS OF PEANUTS AND SPECIFIED PRODUCTS AT MONTH'S END, CROP OF 2003 - 2004 1/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Aug 2003	79,508	362,015	33,667	481,480	594,655
Sep	503,790	279,008	17,038	371,081	891,909
Oct	1,751,676	310,656	27,898	413,172	2,192,746
Nov	1,876,712	347,835	38,075	462,621	2,377,408
Dec	1,713,440	403,787	41,454	537,037	2,291,931
Jan 2004	1,514,778	486,588	45,364	647,162	2,207,304
Feb	1,321,872	553,751	52,633	736,489	2,110,994
Mar	1,052,508	614,596	69,229	817,413	1,939,150
Apr	805,224	636,162	68,508	846,095	1,719,827
May	607,738	647,616	73,927	861,329	1,542,994
Jun	473,050	637,168	80,349	847,433	1,400,832
Jul	234,770	621,215	59,957	826,216	1,120,943
Jul 2003	123,428	528,417	48,900	702,795	875,123

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

TOTAL FARMER STOCK PEANUTS ON HAND AT MONTH'S END, CROP OF 2003-2004 1/

Month Ending	CCC Uncommitted Stocks	Commercial Stocks			Equivalent
		Restricted Use 2/	Other Commercial	Total	Total Farmer Stock
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Aug 2003	0	3/	3/	79,508	79,508
Sep	1,621	3/	3/	503,790	503,790
Oct	0	3/	3/	1,751,676	1,751,676
Nov	0	3/	3/	1,876,712	1,876,712
Dec	1,439	3/	3/	1,713,440	1,713,440
Jan 2004	1,439	3/	3/	1,514,778	1,514,778
Feb	1,439	3/	3/	1,321,872	1,321,872
Mar	0	3/	3/	1,052,508	1,052,508
Apr	0	3/	3/	805,224	805,224
May	0	3/	3/	607,738	607,738
Jun	0	3/	3/	473,050	473,050
Jul	0	3/	3/	234,770	234,770
Jul 2003	0	3/	3/	123,428	123,428

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Purchased from CCC for crushing or export. 3/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**SHELLED PEANUTS AND ROASTING STOCK (IN SHELL)
ON HAND AT MONTH'S END, CROP OF 2003 - 20041/**

Month Ending	Shelled Edibles 2/				Shelled Oil Stocks 3/	Total Shelled	Roasting Stocks 4/
	Virginias	Runners	Spanish	Total			
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>				
Aug 2003	53,209	276,958	20,341	350,508	11,507	363,015	33,667
Sep	45,596	207,214	13,168	265,978	13,030	279,008	17,038
Oct	51,019	229,959	16,742	297,720	12,936	310,656	27,898
Nov	56,285	263,354	16,695	336,334	11,501	347,835	38,075
Dec	75,667	292,873	19,690	388,230	15,557	403,787	41,454
Jan 2004	72,036	376,056	22,402	470,494	16,094	486,588	45,364
Feb	78,170	429,847	28,656	536,673	17,078	553,751	52,633
Mar	86,879	473,657	31,121	591,657	22,939	614,596	69,229
Apr	91,064	486,420	36,363	613,847	22,315	636,162	68,508
May	89,171	502,811	31,715	623,697	23,919	647,616	73,927
Jun	88,107	488,167	43,149	619,423	17,745	637,168	80,349
Jul	81,569	496,471	25,489	603,529	17,686	621,215	59,957
Jul 2003	63,565	411,867	28,754	504,186	24,231	528,417	48,900

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Shelled edible grades include blanched and shelled roasted peanuts converted to a raw basis using conversion factors of 1.08 and 1.12, respectively. 3/ Includes straight run oil stock peanuts. 4/ Cleaned and unshelled.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Aug 2004
		Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	
		<i>-Dollars -</i>			<i>- Dollars -</i>			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	3.21	2.89	2.60	3.28	3.32	3.02	10.10
Corn	Bu.	2.51	2.66	2.44	2.15	2.51	2.27	6.79
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.54	1.79	1.73	2.91	2.54	2.45	6.74
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	87.00	81.00	86.00	85.00	90.40	89.80	-
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	107.00	105.00	102.00	91.90	98.40	97.40	-
Other 3/	Ton	84.00	79.00	84.00	66.70	70.90	70.00	-
All Tobacco	Lb.	1.860	-	1.690	1.805	1.700	1.715	-
Peanuts	Lb.	-	-	--	--	.174	--	.663
Soybeans	Bu.	5.44	7.57	6.22	5.68	8.46	6.34	16.00
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	-	-	.290	.346	.295	.273	.530
Potatoes	Cwt.	8.60	8.30	--	5.75	5.91	6.31	15.30
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	67.00	86.80	87.00	79.30	88.50	88.10	171.00
Cows	Cwt.	39.50	53.00	51.40	44.50	56.30	55.50	-
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	79.40	105.00	103.00	82.90	91.80	91.50	-
Calves	Cwt.	87.70	117.00	118.00	106.00	131.00	131.00	229.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	39.60	57.10	56.00	106.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	14.40	18.70	18.70	13.30	16.00	15.00	35.30
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	14.40	18.70	18.70	13.30	16.00	15.10	-
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	13.20	14.30	13.90	-
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.620	.470	--	.668	.399	.334	1.70
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.360	.520	.460	-
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.327	.436	.454	1.030

-- 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 3.58, fluid milk 3.58, mfg. grade 3.70.

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