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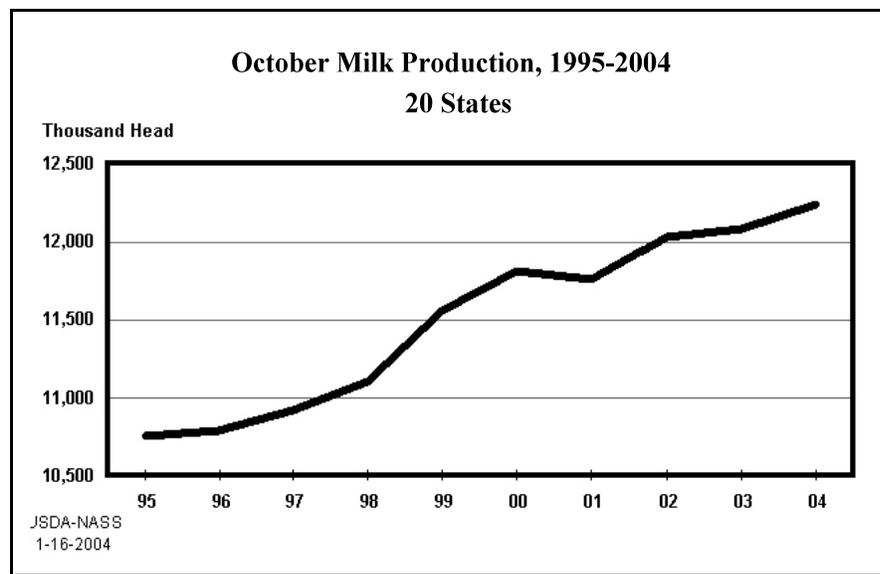
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Milk Cows and Milk Production

Region	Milk Cows 1/			Milk Per Cow 2/			Milk Production 2/		
	Oct. 2003	Sept. 2004	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004	Oct. 2003	Sep. 2004	Oct. 2004
	-Thousand Head-			-Pounds-			-Million Pounds-		
Virginia	109	104	104	1,245	1,290	1,355	136	134	141
20 State Total 3/	7,743	7,769	7,769	1,561	1,529	1,576	12,083	11,878	12,245

1/ Monthly average includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ 20 State total includes AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, WI.



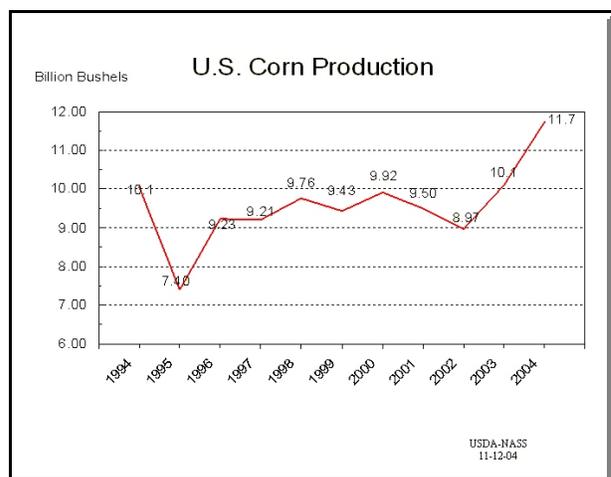
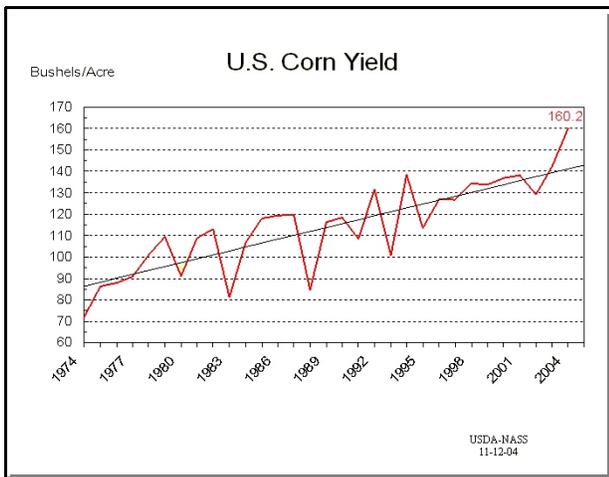
VIRGINIA'S CORN, PEANUT AND COTTON YIELDS UP FROM THE PREVIOUS FORECAST

Virginia corn producers are anticipating a record corn yield. The forecast yield of 147 bushels per acre is 1 bushel greater than the record set in 2000, 2 bushels higher than last month and 32 bushels greater than the 2003 yield. Production is estimated at nearly 50 million bushels, up 32 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 340,000 acres in 2004.

Cotton yields are forecast at 889 pounds per acre, up 53 pounds from last month and 215 pounds above last year. Production is expected to total 150,000 bales. Cotton growers in the Commonwealth expect to harvest 81,000 acres in 2004.

Virginia's peanut producers expect to average 3,200 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the October forecast and up 300 pounds from last year. Peanut production is expected to total 102.4 million pounds from 32,000 acres.

Soybean producers are making good progress with 51 percent of the crop harvested compared to 48 percent last year. The November forecast for soybean yield is estimated at 37 bushels per acre, equal to the previous forecast but up 3 bushels from last year. Virginia soybean producers are expected to harvest 520,000 acres, up 8 percent from last year.



ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS, NOVEMBER 1, 2003-2004

Crop	Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Units	Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
	<i>-1,000 Acres-</i>		<i>-1,000 Acres-</i>		<i>-Units-</i>			<i>-1,000 Units-</i>	
Corn	470	480	330	340	115.0	147.0	Bu.	37,950	49,980
Soybeans	500	540	480	520	34.0	37.0	Bu.	16,320	19,240
Peanuts	34	33	33	32	2,900	3,200	Lbs.	95,700	102,400
Upland Cotton	89	82	85	81	674	889	<u>1/</u>	119.4	150.0

1/ Yield in pounds, production in bales.



PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Oct 2004
		Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	
		<i>-Dollars -</i>			<i>- Dollars -</i>			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	2.99	2.89	2.81	3.37	3.26	3.29	10.10
Corn	Bu.	2.26	2.25	1.97	2.12	2.20	1.89	6.75
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.71	1.68	1.65	2.74	2.43	2.36	6.70
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	90.50	96.00	83.00	83.70	87.70	89.80	-
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	114.00	113.00	95.00	89.10	95.50	97.80	-
Other 3/	Ton	87.00	93.00	81.00	69.20	65.70	68.60	-
All Tobacco	Lb.	1.900	1.880	1.935	1.890	1.890	1.905	-
Peanuts	Lb.	--	--	--	.185	.192	.194	.659
Soybeans	Bu.	6.62	5.61	4.73	6.60	5.84	5.07	.659
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	.260	.310	.300	.279	.272	.271	.527
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	--	--	5.03	5.27	4.74	15.20
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	74.50	89.90	87.60	91.50	85.80	86.40	170.00
Cows	Cwt.	37.00	47.10	45.40	44.60	53.10	50.40	-
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	84.50	102.00	98.80	97.80	89.30	91.10	-
Calves	Cwt.	90.90	114.00	113.00	112.00	129.00	127.00	228.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	36.70	54.80	51.40	105.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	16.60	16.90	17.40	15.00	15.40	15.50	35.10
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	16.60	16.90	17.40	15.00	15.40	15.50	-
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	14.60	14.60	14.40	-
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.720	.420	.370	.706	.351	.303	1.69
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.370	.400	.390	-
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.391	.465	.484	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 3.72 fluid milk 3.72, mfg. grade 3.89.

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