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VIRGINIA'S HAY YIELDS UP FROM LAST YEAR TOBACCO YIELDS DECLINE

Virginia's projected hay production for 2003 is 3.45 million tons. Alfalfa hay producers expect yields to average 3.5 tons per acre. Alfalfa production is expected to be up 52 percent from last year at 455,000 tons. The forecasted yield for other hay is 2.6 tons per acre. Other hay production is forecast at 2.99 million tons, a 71 percent increase from 2002.

Flue-cured tobacco yield is forecast at 1,650 pounds per acre, down 690 pounds from 2002. Production is estimated to be 31.35 million pounds, down 39 percent from last year.

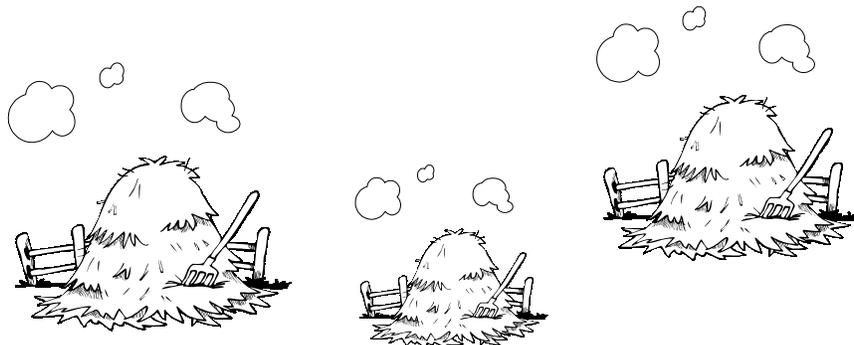
Virginia apple production is forecast at 300 million pounds, up 20 percent from last year. Producers have commented that size and quantity are good, however, quality has suffered due to the excessive moisture this year.

Corn yields are up 64 bushels per acre from last year. The forecasted yield is 130 bushels per acre. Production is forecast at 35.75 million bushels.

The state's cotton producers expect a yield of 678 pounds per acre, up 213 pounds per acre from last year. If realized, production would total 120,000 bales.

The forecasted peanut yield of 2,800 pounds per acre is up 33 percent from 2002. Production is forecast at 92.4 million pounds, down from last year. Harvesting activities have begun with 7 percent of the crop combined.

Soybean producers expect to harvest an average of 34 bushels per acre, 11 bushels per acre more than last year. Production is forecast at 16.32 million bushels, up 61 percent from 2002.



**VIRGINIA ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL
CROPS, 2002 AND FORECASTED OCT. 1, 2003**

Crop	Acres For Harvest		Yield Per Acre		Unit	Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
	<i>-Thousands</i>		<i>-Bushels--</i>			<i>-Thousand Units-</i>	
Corn For Grain	305	275	66	130	Bu.	20,130	35,750
Hay, All	1,370	1,280	1.50	2.69	Tons	2,050	3,445
Alfalfa Hay	120	130	2.50	3.50	Tons	300	455
Other Hay	1,250	1,150	1.40	2.60	Tons	1,750	2,990
Soybeans	440	480	23	34	Bu.	10,120	16,320
Peanuts	57	33	2,100	2,800	Lbs.	119,700	92,400
Cotton, Upland 1/	98	85	465	678	Bales	95	120
Tobacco, All 2/	30.00	26.27	2,225	1,633	Lbs.	66,747	42,905
Flue- Cured Tobacco	22.00	19.00	2,340	1,650	Lbs.	51,480	31,350
Burley Tobacco	7.20	6.50	1,900	1,600	Lbs.	13,680	10,400
Fire-Cured Tobacco	.73	.70	2,015	1,500	Lbs.	1,471	1,050
Sun-Cured Tobacco	.07	.07	1,655	1,500	Lbs.	116	105
Apples 3/	--	--	--	--	Lbs.	250,000	300,000

see footnotes in table below.

**UNITED STATES ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL
CROPS, 2002 AND FORECASTED OCT. 1, 2003**

Crop	Acres For Harvest		Yield Per Acre		Unit	Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
	<i>-Thousands</i>		<i>-Bushels--</i>			<i>-Thousand Units-</i>	
Corn For Grain	69,313	71,765	130.0	142.2	Bu.	9,007,659	10,207,141
Hay, All	64,497	64,379	2.34	2.50	Tons	150,962	160,686
Alfalfa Hay	23,135	23,541	3.19	3.34	Tons	73,824	78,523
Other Hay	41,362	40,838	1.86	2.01	Tons	77,138	82,183
Soybeans	72,437	72,538	38.0	34.0	Bu.	2,749,340	2,468,390
Peanuts	1,296.7	1,277.0	2,561	3,095	Lbs.	3,320,490	3,951,900
Cotton, Upland 1/	12,184	11,939	651	688	Bales	16,530	17,118
Tobacco, All 2/	428,660	413,010	2,055	2,044	Lbs.	880,734	844,298
Flue- Cured Tobacco	65,000	59,000	2,264	1,819	Lbs.	147,155	107,350
Burley Tobacco	158,600	149,200	1,892	2,033	Lbs.	300,051	303,300
Fire-Cured Tobacco	10,970	11,100	3,182	3,069	Lbs.	34,908	34,070
Sun-Cured Tobacco	3,830	4,010	2,790	2,702	Lbs.	10,686	10,835
Apples 3/	--	--	--	--	Lbs.	8,555,600	9,351,600

1/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 2/ Includes all types. 3/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

GRAIN STOCKS: BY POSITION, MONTH, UNITED STATES, 2002-2003 (DOMESTIC UNITS)

Date	2002			2003		
	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms	Total All Positions
	-1,000 Bushels-	-1,000 Bushels-	-1,000 Bushels-	-1,000 Bushels-	-1,000 Bushels-	-1,000 Bushels-
Corn						
Mar 1	3,355,000	2,440,263	5,795,263	2,940,000	2,191,751	5,131,751
Jun 1	2,020,600	1,576,290	3,596,890	1,620,200	1,364,485	2,984,685
Sep 1	586,800	1,009,626	1,596,426	484,900	600,869	1,085,769
Dec 1	4,800,000	2,837,971	7,637,971			
Sorghum						
Mar 1	38,100	156,007	194,107	27,500	135,423	162,923
Jun 1	17,300	88,178	105,478	11,150	70,744	81,894
Sep 1	7,400	53,573	60,973	4,500	38,049	42,549
Dec 1	53,600	178,252	231,852			
Oats						
Mar 1	40,200	53,158	93,358	35,000	47,879	82,879
Jun 1	28,650	34,552	63,202	20,600	29,233	49,833
Sep 1	70,500	41,212	111,712	82,100	49,421	131,521
Dec 1	52,500	51,284	103,784			
Barley						
Mar 1	46,000	95,748	141,748	36,730	86,710	123,440
Jun 1	23,210	69,631	92,841	14,860	54,480	69,340
Sep 1	131,600	92,419	224,019	139,900	99,125	239,025
Dec 1	83,400	86,601	170,001			
All Wheat						
Mar 1	338,500	871,268	1,209,768	236,300	670,333	906,633
Jun 1	216,830	560,282	777,112	132,110	359,306	491,416
Sep 1	580,200	1,170,787	1,750,987	689,970	1,345,635	2,035,605
Dec 1	384,800	935,069	1,319,869			
Durum Wheat 2/						
Mar 1	30,200	21,690	51,890	31,700	25,149	56,849
Jun 1	20,600	12,390	32,990	15,100	13,008	28,108
Sep 1	66,000	26,854	92,854	58,000	29,241	87,241
Dec 1	50,800	25,917	76,717			
Soybeans						
Mar 1	687,000	648,987	1,335,987	635,500	565,528	1,201,028
Jun 1	301,200	383,721	684,921	272,500	329,862	602,362
Sep 1	62,700	145,320	208,020	58,000	111,431	169,431
Dec 1	1,170,000	943,641	2,113,641			

Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. Included in All Wheat.

Milk Cows and Milk Production

Region	Milk Cows 1/			Milk Per Cow 2/			Milk Production 2/		
	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003	Sep. 2002	Aug. 2003	Sep. 2003
	-Thousand Head-			-Pounds-			-Million Pounds-		
Virginia	119	113	111	1,225	1,175	1,165	146	133	129
20 State Total 3/	7,781	7,750	7,743	1,497	1,563	1,503	11,648	12,110	11,641

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.

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Turkey Hatchery Production: Monthly Poultry Placements, United States, 2001-03 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent Of Previous Year
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	-1,000 head-		-Percent-	-1000 head-		-Percent-
Sep	22,670	22,177	98	22,670	22,177	98
Oct	23,811			46,481		
Nov	23,987			70,468		
Dec	23,977			94,445		
Jan	25,389			119,834		
Feb	23,833			143,667		
Mar	24,902			168,569		
Apr	24,938			193,507		
May	25,111			218,618		
Jun	25,422			244,040		
Jul	25,330			269,370		
Aug	24,036			293,406		

1/ Excludes exported poult. * Revised.

U.S Turkey Eggs in Incubators And Poults Placed By Region And United States 1/

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators		Percent of Previous Year	Poults Placed		Percent of Previous Year
	Oct. 1, 2002	Oct. 1, 2003		Sep. 1, 2002	Sep. 1, 2003	
	-1,000-		-Percent-	-1,000-		-Percent-
E N Central	4,961	4,437	96	3,487	3,565	101
W N Central	11,295	11,247	99	8,475	8,796	100
N & S Atlantic	8,767	8,506	102	6,581	6,608	89
S Central	2,529	2,342	106	2,116	1,758	103
West	1,678	1,612	83	2,011	1,450	56
US	29,230	28,144	99	22,670	22,177	92

1/ Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

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