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WEST VIRGINIA 2004 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

WEST VIRGINIA -- Wheat planted acres totaled 8,000 in 2004, down 4,000 acres from 2003. Area harvested for grain totaled 5,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2003. The average yield for 2004 was estimated to be 52.0 bushels per acre. This was up 11 bushels from 2003. Production was estimated at 260,000 bushels, down 9 percent from 2003, or 27,000 bushels.

Winter wheat seedings for the 2005 crop are estimated at 7,000 acres, down 1,000 acres, or 22 percent, from 2004.

All forage area harvested acres totaled 594,000, up 6 percent from 2003. Dry equivalent yield averaged 1.88 tons per acre, down 0.17 ton from 2003. Total dry equivalent production was 1,115,000 tons, down 2 percent. All forage production includes haylage and greenchop production converted to a dry weight equivalent basis (13 percent moisture) along with dry hay production.

All alfalfa forage area harvested totaled 49,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2003. Dry equivalent yield averaged 2.59 tons per acre, down 0.18 ton. Total dry equivalent production was 127,000 tons, down 6,000 tons from 2003.

All hay harvested area in 2004 totaled 575,000 acres, up 30,000 from 2003. The average yield of 1.85 tons per acre was down 0.1 ton from 2003. Production totaled 1.062 million tons, down from 1.063 million tons in 2003. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** was 1,030,000 tons, up 73,000 tons from 2003.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 45,000 acres in 2004, unchanged from 2003. Yields in 2004 averaged 2.4 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from 2003. Production totaled 108,000 tons, down 5,000 from 2003. New seedings of alfalfa in 2004 are estimated at 3,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2003 seedings.

All other hay area harvested totaled 530,000 acres in 2004, up 30,000 acres from 2003. Yields averaged 1.8 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from 2003. Production totaled 954,000 tons, up 4,000 tons from 2003.

Area planted to **corn** for all purposes in 2004 totaled 48,000 acres, unchanged from 2003. Harvested area for **grain** totaled 29,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from 2003. The average yield of 131.0 bushels per acre was up 16 bushels from 2003's yield. Production was 3.8 million bushels, up 22 percent from 2003.

Corn for silage area harvested was 18,000 acres in 2004, down 1,000 acres from 2003. Yields averaged 17.0 tons per acre which was up 1.5 tons from 2003's yield. Silage production was estimated at 306,000 tons, up 4 percent from 2003.

Burley tobacco area harvested totaled 1,300 acres in 2004, up 100 acres from 2003. Yields averaged 1,300 pounds per acre, the same as 2003. Production for burley tobacco totaled 1.69 million pounds in 2004, up 8 percent from 2003.

Area planted to **soybeans** totaled 19,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from 2003. Area harvested for beans totaled 18,000 acres, also up 3,000 acres from 2003. The yield for soybeans in 2004 averaged 46.0 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from 2003. Production was estimated at 828,000 bushels, up 35 percent from 2003.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 651,000 acres in 2004, up 29,000 acres from 2003. Area harvested totaled 646,000 acres, up 32,000 acres from 2003. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans and wheat, and acres harvested for hay and tobacco.

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UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 2.16 billion bushels, down 8%.
- Winter wheat production - 1.5 billion bushels, down 13%.
- 2005 winter wheat seedings - 41.6 million acres, down 4% from 2004.
- 2004 alfalfa seedings - 2.8 million acres, down 10% from 2003.
- Alfalfa hay production - 75.4 million tons, down 1%.
- All other hay production - 82.4 million tons, up 1%.
- All hay production - 157.8 million tons, up slightly.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 80.9 million acres, up 3%.
- Corn for grain harvested area - 73.6 million acres, up 4%.
- Corn for grain production - 11.8 billion bushels, up 17%, largest on record.
- Corn for grain yield - 160.4 bushels per acre, up 18.2 bushels, largest on record.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.1 million acres, down 7%.
- Corn for silage production - 107.3 million tons, down slightly.
- Corn for silage yield - 17.6 tons per acre, up 1.3 tons.
- Soybeans production - 3.14 billion bushels, up 28%, largest in history.
- All tobacco production - 883.2 million pounds, up 10%.
- Oats production - 115.9 million bushels, down 20%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 322.4 million acres, down 1%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 304.6 million acres, down 1%.

U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2004.

- Hay stocks on-farm - 114.3 million tons, up 3%.
- Corn stocks on-farm - 6.14 billion bushels, up 16%.
- Corn stocks off-farm - 3.30 billion bushels, up 24%.
- All wheat stocks on-farm - 531 million bushels, up 8%.
- All wheat stocks off-farm - 900 million bushels, down 13%.
- Soybean stocks on-farm - 1.30 billion bushels, up 59%.
- Soybean stocks off-farm - 1.00 billion bushels, up 16%.
- Oats stocks on-farm - 60.4 million bushels, down 6%.
- Oats stocks off-farm - 44.6 million bushels, down 19%.