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### **WEST VIRGINIA AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST**

**WEST VIRGINIA** -- Tobacco production is forecast at 1.95 million pounds, up 25 percent from the 2003 crop. The area harvested is expected to total 1,300 acres, up 100 acres from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the average yield per acre is forecast at 1,500 pounds, up 200 pounds from 2003.

All Other Hay production is forecast at 988 thousand tons, up 4 percent from 2003. The area harvested is expected to total 520,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2003. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.9 tons, unchanged from 2003.

Based on August 1 conditions, apple production is forecast at 85 million pounds, down 2 percent or 2 million pounds from 2003.

Peach production of 12.0 million pounds is carried forward from the July forecast.

### **UNITED STATES WITH 2003 COMPARISONS**

- Corn for grain production - 10.9 billion bushels, up 8 percent, largest on record.
- Corn yield - 148.9 bushels per acre, up 6.7 bushels, largest on record.
- Oats production - 128 million bushels, down 12 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.49 billion bushels, down 13 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures hay production - 77.3 million tons, up 1 percent.
- Other hay production - 84.5 million tons, up 5 percent.
- Apple production - 9.37 billion pounds, up 9 percent.
- Peach production (Including Clingstone) - 2.60 billion pounds, up 3 percent.
- Peach production (Excluding Clingstone) - 1.45 billion pounds, unchanged.
- All tobacco production - 885 million pounds, up 10 percent.
- Burley tobacco production - 298 million pounds, up 6 percent.
- Soybean production - 2.88 billion bushels, up 19 percent, second largest on record.
- Barley production - 273 million bushels, down 1 percent.