

## CROPS

### GENERAL

Except for tobacco, state wide yields for all of West Virginia's 2001 major field crops were down from the previous year. Although other hay, corn, and wheat yields were down from the previous year, producers still received normal to above normal yields. The alfalfa yield was below normal. The year 2000 was the first year for soybeans in the crop estimating program for West Virginia.

### ALL HAY

All hay harvested area in 2001 totaled 580,000 acres, down 20,000 from 2000. The average yield of 1.86 tons per acre was down 0.33 ton from the previous year's record high of 2.19 tons. Production totaled 1.08 million tons, down 18 percent from the record high set in 2000. Total acres for all forage were estimated at 609,000 acres. All forage dry equivalent yield averaged 1.90 tons per acre and production totaled 1.16 million tons.

### ALFALFA & ALFALFA MIXTURES

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 50,000 acres in 2001, unchanged from 2000. Yields in 2001 averaged 2.5 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from 2000. Production totaled 125,000 tons, down 22 percent from 2000. New seedings of alfalfa in 2001 were estimated at 6,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2000 seedings.

### ALL OTHER HAY

All other hay area harvested totaled 530,000 acres in 2001, down 20,000 acres from 2000. Yields averaged 1.8 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton from 2000. Production totaled 954,000 tons, down 17 percent from the previous year.

### CORN

Area planted to corn for all purposes in 2001 totaled 50,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested area for grain totaled 26,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from 2000. The average yield of 120.0 bushels per acre was down 10 bushels from the previous year's record setting yield. Production was 3.12 million bushels, down 31 percent from 2000. Corn for silage area harvested was 23,000 acres in 2001, up 4,000 acres from 2000. Yields averaged 17.0 tons per acre which was down 2 tons from the previous year's record setting yield. Silage production was estimated at 391,000 tons, up 8 percent from 2000.

### SOYBEANS

Area planted to soybeans totaled 17,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2000. Area harvested for beans totaled 16,000 acres, also up 1,000 acres from the previous year. The yield for soybeans in 2001 averaged 42.0 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the previous year. Production was estimated at 672,000 bushels, down 5 percent from 2000.

### WHEAT

Wheat planted acres totaled 12,000 in 2001, down 1,000 acres from 2000. Area harvested for grain totaled 8,000 acres, also down 1,000 acres from 2000. The average yield for 2001 was estimated to be 58.0 bushels per acre. This was down 3 bushels from the record high set the previous year. Production was estimated at 464,000 bushels, down 15 percent from 2000.

### TOBACCO

Burley tobacco area harvested totaled 1,300 acres in 2001, unchanged from the previous year. Yields averaged 1,450 pounds per acre, up 250 pounds from 2000. Production for burley tobacco totaled 1.89 million pounds in 2001, up 21 percent from last year.