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## 2014 Kentucky Crop Production

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is estimated at 226 million bushels, up 2 percent from the November forecast, but down 7 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 158 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the November forecast, but down 12 bushels from the 2013 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.43 million acres, unchanged from 2013. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast, but up 3 percent from the revised 2013 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at a record high of 171.0 bushels per acre. This is down 2.4 bushels from the November forecast but 12.9 bushels above the revised 2013 average yield of 158.1 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 83.1 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 5 percent from the revised 2013 acreage.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is estimated at a record high 84.0 million bushels, unchanged from the November forecast but up 1 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 48 bushels per acre, unchanged from the November forecast but down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 90,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production in 2014 totaled 3.97 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 18 percent from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 47.8 bushels, 0.3 bushels above the November forecast and 3.8 bushels above the 2013 yield. Harvested area is up 9 percent from 2013 to 83.1 million acres and is the highest on record.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is estimated at 163 million pounds, up 2 percent from the October forecast and up 10 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 2,150 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from October forecast but up 150 pounds from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 76,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is estimated at 213 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 101,500 acres, up 3 percent from 2013. Yields were estimated at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 156 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 36.4 million pounds, up 30 percent percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is estimated at 14.5 million pounds, up 28 percent from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production by **Kentucky** farmers is forecast at 561,000 tons, down 15 percent the 2013 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 4.20 million tons, down 13 percent from last year.