



# Field Crops

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Corn for grain yields averaged 131 bushels per acre, up 23 bushels from the previous year's yield. Soybean yields averaged 37 bushels per acre, 5 bushels above 2008. Virginia's peanut producers harvested a record average of 3,700 pounds per acre this season, up 350 pounds per acre from last year. Flue-cured tobacco yields averaged 2,340 pounds per acre, 70 pounds below the 2,410 pounds per acre harvested in 2008. Burley tobacco yield was estimated at 2,140 pounds per acre, up 140 pounds from 2008. The cotton yield was a record 1,052 pounds per acre, up 144 pounds from 2008's yield. Ideal weather conditions and minimal insect and disease pressure attributed to the increase in yields from the previous year.

## Prices

Prices for corn, barley and wheat were down from 2008, while soybeans increased. Corn prices decreased 17 percent from \$4.51/bu to \$3.75/bu. Prices for barley declined 44 percent from \$4.22/bu to \$2.35/bu while

wheat prices decreased from \$5.88/bu to \$4.05/bu. The wheat price dropped 31 percent from 2008. Soybeans increased 5 percent from \$9.10/bu to \$9.60/bu.

## Cash Receipts

Total cash receipts for Virginia field crops in 2009 at 590.4 million dollars, were down 11 percent from 2008 and up 18 percent from 2007. Cash receipts for soybeans, at 184.0 million dollars, increased 16 percent from last year and increased 31 percent for 2007. Tobacco sales, at 81.0 million dollars, were 2 percent lower than in 2008 and 14 percent more than 2007. Corn cash receipts, at 118.1 million dollars, were 16 percent less than the previous year. Cash receipts for cotton at 34.4 million dollars, was up 7 percent from 2008.