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## **CORN YIELD DOWN FROM 2013 SOYBEAN, PEANUT AND COTTON YIELDS UP WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS UP FROM 2014**

Corn for grain yields averaged 145 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from the previous year's yield. Production is estimated at 50.8 million bushels, 8 percent below the 2013 production. Corn for grain harvested area was 350,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year. Corn silage harvested acreage totaled 125,000 acres, with an average yield of 19.5 tons per acre.

Soybean yields averaged 39.5 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Area harvested, at 650,000 acres, is an increase of 50,000 acres from last year's soybean acreage. Soybean production is estimated at 25.7 million bushels, 11 percent more than last year's production.

Virginia's peanut producers harvested 19,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from 2013. Peanut yields averaged 4,350 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds per acre from last year. Peanut production is estimated at 82.7 million pounds, up 31 percent from the 2013 production.

Cotton production is estimated at 222,000 bales, up 47 percent from 2013. The cotton yield averaged 1,239 pounds per acre, up 298 pounds from last year. Producers harvested 86,000 acres in 2014, a increase of 9,000 acres from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco yields averaged 2,400 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds per acre from last year's yield of 2,200. Virginia's production is expected to total 54.0 million pounds, up 14 percent from last year. Burley tobacco yields averaged 1,950 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from 2013. Fire-cured tobacco yields are estimated at 2,200 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last year. Burley production is estimated at 2.93 million pounds, down 36 percent from 2013. Fire-cured tobacco production is estimated at 726 thousand pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

All hay production in Virginia is estimated at 2.68 million tons, down 13 percent from last year. All other hay production is at 2.42 million tons, down 12 percent from last year. Alfalfa production is 255 thousand tons, down 21 percent from last year's total.

Virginia wheat producers planted 300,000 acres of winter wheat, up 3 percent from last year but an down of 35,000 acres from 2 years ago.

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## 2014 SUMMARY

**Corn** for grain production is estimated at a record 14.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but 3 percent above 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 in 2014 totaled a record 3.97 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and up 18 percent from 2013. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 47.8 bushels, 0.3 bushel 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.

**All cotton** production is estimated at 16.1 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month and up 25 percent from 2013. The United States yield is estimated at 795 pounds per acre, up 22 pounds from the December forecast but down 26 pounds from last year. Harvested area, at 9.71 million acres, is down 2 percent from last month but up 29 percent from last year.

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