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September 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 53.4 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast but up 5 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 157 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 12 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 340,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast and down 4 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from last month and down 3.5 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 25.7 million bushels, down 7 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from 2014. Yield was estimated at 39 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last month and down 0.5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 660,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.94 billion bushels, up slightly from the August forecast but down 1 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month but down 0.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.5 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 1 percent from 2014.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 190,000 bales, down 10 percent from the August forecast and down 14 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,086 pounds per acre, down 114 pounds from last month and down 153 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 84,000 acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 2,000 acres from 2014. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 13.4 million bales, up 3 percent from the August forecast but down 18 percent from 2014. Yields are forecast to average 789 pounds per acre, down 6 pounds from last month and down 49 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.17 million acres, up 3 percent from the August forecast but down 13 percent from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 72.2 million pounds for 2015, down 13 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 19,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Producers expect a yield of 3,800 pounds per acre, down 550 pounds from 2014.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 50.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from the August forecast and down 7 percent from 2014. Yield was projected at 2,400 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from last month but unchanged from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 21,000 acres, down 1,500 acres from last year's crop. For the **flue-cured producing states** production is forecast at 467 million pounds, down 1 percent from the August forecast and down 19 percent from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 218 million acres, down 11 percent from 2014. Yields were expected to average 2,138 pounds per acre, down 197 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 718,000 pounds down 1 percent from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is forecast at 2.08 million pounds down 29 percent from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²	2014	2015		2014	2015
						Aug 1 ¹	Sep 1 ²		
VIRGINIA									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Barley ³⁴	56	47	28	19	79.0	80.0	--	2,212	1,520
Corn ³	500	500	350	340	145.0	157.0	157.0	50,750	53,380
Oats ³⁴	10	12	3	3	78.0	--	--	234	
Soybeans ³	660	670	650	660	39.5	42.0	39.0	25,675	25,740
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	290	260	260	225	68.0	63.0	--	17,680	14,175
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	87	85	86	84	1,239	1,200	1,086	222	190
Peanuts	19	19	19	19	4,350	4,000	3,800	82,650	72,200
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	24,330	22,650	2,370	2,399	2,349	57,651	53,198
Burley	--	--	1,500	1,300	1,950	1,600	1,600	2,925	2,080
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	330	350	2,200	2,300	2,050	726	718
Flue-Cured	--	--	22,500	21,000	2,400	2,450	2,400	54,000	50,400
UNITED STATES									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Barley ³⁴	2,975	3,413	2,443	2,919	72.4	71.8	--	176,794	209,690
Corn ³	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	167.5	14,215,532	13,584,945
Oats ³⁴	2,723	3,064	1,029	1,220	67.7	70.0	--	69,684	85,456
Soybeans ³	83,701	84,339	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	47.1	3,968,823	3,935,277
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329	42.6	43.2	--	1,377,526	1,438,278
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	11,037	8,556	9,347	8,166	838	795	789	16,319	13,428
Peanuts	1,354	1,620	1,325	1,582	3,932	3,950	3,996	5,210,100	6,321,400
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	378,360	332,050	2,316	2,158	2,136	876,415	709,389
Burley	--	--	101,500	84,000	2,100	1,872	1,875	213,160	157,500
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	18,630	17,450	3,175	3,247	3,199	59,146	55,818
Flue-Cured	--	--	245,300	218,300	2,335	2,168	2,138	572,880	466,680

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.