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## 2015 Virginia Annual Crop Production

**Corn** production in **Virginia** is estimated at 48.3 million bushels, down 3 percent from the November forecast and down 5 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 161 bushels per acre, up 1 bushels from November forecast and up 16 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 300,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from 2014. Yields averaged 168.4 bushels per acre, down 0.9 bushels from the November forecast and down 2.6 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from 2014.

**Soybean** production for **Virginia** is estimated at 21.4 million bushels, down 7 percent from the November forecast and down 15 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 34.5 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the November forecast and down 5 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 620,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but up slightly from last year. Yields were estimated at 48.0 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from the November forecast but up 0.5 bushel from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 81.8 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2014.

**Virginia cotton** production is estimated at 144,000 bales, up 1 percent from the December forecast but down 35 percent from last year. Cotton yields were estimated at 823 pounds per acre, up 6 pounds from last month forecast but down 416 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers harvested 84,000 acres, unchanged from last month forecast but down 2,000 acres from 2014. **U.S.** all cotton production totaled 12.9 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from the December forecast and down 21 percent from 2014. Yields were estimated at 769 pounds per acre, down 1 pound from the December forecast and down 69 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is estimated at 12.5 million 480-pound bales, down 21 percent from 2014. Pima cotton production is estimated at 435,000 480-pound bales, down 23 percent from 2014.

**Virginia flue-cured tobacco** production is estimated at 49.5 million pounds, up 2 percent from the October forecast but down 8 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 2,300 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from October forecast but down 100 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 21,500 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year's crop. **U.S.** production is estimated at 482 million pounds, down 16 percent from last year. Flue-cured growers harvested 218,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2014. Yields were estimated at 2,210 pounds per acre, down 125 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 575,000 pounds, down 21 percent from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is estimated at 2.41 million pounds, down 18 percent from last year.

**Peanut** farmers in **Virginia** are estimated to produce 73.2 million pounds for 2015, down 13 percent from last year. Acres harvested were estimated at 19,000 acres, unchanged acres from last year. Peanut yield is estimated at 3,850 pounds per acre, down 600 pounds from 2014. **U.S.** peanut production was estimated at 6.21 billion pounds, up 20 percent from last year. Acres harvested are projected to total 1.57 million acres, up 19 percent from the previous year. Yields averaged 3,963 pounds per acre, up 40 pound per acre from 2014.

Alfalfa hay production by Virginia farmers is forecast at 225,000 tons, down 12 percent the 2014 level. **Other hay** production in **Virginia** is estimated at 2.42 million tons, unchanged from last year.