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### **Soybean Acreage Down While Corn Up from 2015**

Soybeans planted in Virginia were estimated at 610,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2015. Acres harvested for grain, at 600,000 acres, was 20,000 acres below acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2016 was estimated at 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 83.0 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2015.

Acreage planted to corn in Virginia was estimated at 490,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from 2015. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 340,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2016 was estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 86.6 million acres for grain, up 7 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage in Virginia was estimated at 80,000, down 5,000 acres from 2015. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 9.82 million acres, up 17 percent from the previous year.

Farmers in Virginia intend to set an estimated 1,200 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This was 100 acres below the 2015 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage set was estimated at 250 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Flue-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 21,000 acres, down 500 from a year ago. Flue-cured producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 209,000 acres, 5 percent below last year.

Peanut growers in the Commonwealth planted 20,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2015. Producers expect to harvest 20,000 acres of peanuts this year, also up 1,000 acres from 2015. U.S. peanuts planted was estimated at 1.56 million acres, down 4 percent from 2015. Area harvested was forecast at 1.53 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Barley seeded acreage is estimated at 35,000 acres, down 24 percent from last year. Barley producers anticipate harvesting 18,000 acres for grain, 2,000 above last year. Barley planted for the Nation was estimated at 2.97 million acres, down 17 percent from 2015. Acres harvested for grain is forecast at 2.58 million acres, down 17 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Virginia was estimated at 220,000 acres, 40,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 175,000 acres, 35,000 acres below 2015. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 36.5 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 30.2 million acres, down 6 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Virginia was estimated at 75,000 acres, unchanged from the 2015 crop. All other hay was estimated at 1.10 million acres, unchanged from a year ago. The U.S. all hay acreage was estimated at 56.1 million acres, up 3 percent from 2015.

**Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2016 - Virginia and United States**

	Virginia				United States			
	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>		Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>	
	2015 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2016 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2016 <sup>2</sup> <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2016 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2015 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2016 <sup>2</sup> <i>(1,000 acres)</i>
Barley <sup>3</sup>	46	35	16	18	3,558	2,967	3,109	2,578
Corn	450	490	300	340	87,999	94,148	80,749	86,550
Cotton <sup>4</sup>	85	80	84	--	8,581	10,023	8,075	--
Oats <sup>3,5</sup>	12	--	4	--	3,088	3,027	1,276	1,165
Soybeans	630	610	620	600	82,650	83,688	81,814	83,037
Peanut	19	20	19	20	1,625	1,563	1,567	1,531
Wheat, Winter <sup>3</sup>	260	220	210	175	39,461	36,538	32,257	30,176
Hay:								
All	--	--	1,175	1,175	--	--	54,437	56,127
Alfalfa	--	--	75	75	--	--	17,778	18,065
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,100	--	--	36,659	38,062
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>
Tobacco:								
All	--	--	23,050	22,450	--	--	328,650	311,150
Burley	--	--	1,300	1,200	--	--	78,900	75,900
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	250	250	--	--	17,850	17,150
Flue-Cured	--	--	21,500	21,000	--	--	220,000	209,000

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with planted or harvested estimates not available are denoted by "--". <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>4</sup> U.S. acreage includes American Pima cotton. <sup>5</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2016.