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2015 FINAL TOBACCO ESTIMATES

The final production estimate of **Virginia flue-cured** tobacco for 2015 was 49.5 million pounds, down 8 percent from the 54.0 million pounds produced in 2014. Average yield was 2,300 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the 2014 crop. Acreage harvested was 21,500 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014. Average price per pound was estimated at \$2.03 per pound, down 5 cents from the previous year. Flue-cured production for the United States totaled 486.3 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2014.

Dark fire-cured tobacco production totaled 575,000 pounds, down 21 percent from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage totaled 250 acres, down 80 acres from 2014. Yield at 2,300 pounds per acre was up 100 pounds. Price received by farmers was \$2.14 per pound, down 4 cents from the 2014 price.

Burley tobacco production totaled 2.4 million pounds, down 18 percent from the 2014 production. Farmers harvested 1,300 acres of burley tobacco with a yield of 1,850 pounds per acre. Harvested acreage was down 200 acres from 2014 and yield was down 100 pounds. Price received per pound by farmers was \$1.97, up 1 cent from the previous year.

Tobacco Acreage, Yield, Production & Price Per Pound, By Type, State & U.S.

Type & State	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Market Year Avg. Price Per Pound Rec'd by Farmers	
	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015	2014 ¹	2015
	(Acres)	(Acres)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(1,000 Pounds)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
BURLEY								
Virginia	1,500	1,300	1,950	1,850	2,925	2,405	1.960	1.970
Kentucky	76,000	58,000	2,150	1,800	163,400	104,400	1.940	1.920
N. Carolina	1,400	1,000	1,900	1,850	2,660	1,850	1.850	1.950
Ohio	2,000	1,900	2,150	1,900	4,300	3,610	1.960	1.900
Pennsylvania	5,100	4,700	2,500	2,300	12,750	10,810	1.850	1.950
Tennessee	15,500	12,000	1,750	1,800	27,125	21,600	2.000	1.960
U.S.	101,500	78,900	2,100	1,834	213,160	144,675	1.942	1.929
DARK FIRE-CURED								
Virginia	330	250	2,200	2,300	726	575	2.180	2.140
Kentucky	10,700	9,900	3,400	3,200	36,380	31,680	2.660	2.680
Tennessee	7,600	7,700	2,900	3,100	22,040	23,870	2.710	2.700
U.S.	18,630	17,850	3,175	3,144	59,146	56,125	2.673	2.683
FLUE-CURED								
Virginia	22,500	21,500	2,400	2,300	54,000	49,450	2.080	2.030
Georgia	15,000	13,500	2,300	2,400	34,500	32,400	2.070	1.890
N. Carolina	192,000	172,000	2,350	2,200	451,200	378,400	2.010	1.850
S. Carolina	15,800	13,000	2,100	2,000	33,180	26,000	2.110	1.880
U.S.	245,300	220,000	2,335	2,210	572,880	486,250	2.026	1.873
TOBACCO, ALL								
Virginia	24,330	23,050	2,370	2,275	57,651	52,430	2.075	2.028
U.S.	378,360	328,650	2,316	2,178	876,415	715,946	2.094	2.003

¹ Revisions possible.