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### **Virginia Corn and Cotton Acreage Up From Last Year**

Soybeans planted in Virginia were estimated at 570,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from 2018. Acres harvested for grain, at 560,000 acres, was 30,000 acres below acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2019 was estimated at 80.0 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 79.3 million acres, is down 10 percent from 2018.

Acreage planted to corn in Virginia was estimated at 530,000 acres, up 45,000 acres from 2018. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 370,000 acres, up 45,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2019 was estimated at 91.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 83.6 million acres for grain, up 2 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage in Virginia was estimated at 105,000, up 7,000 acres from 2018. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 13.4 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous year.

Farmers in Virginia intend to set an estimated 700 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This was 300 acres below the 2018 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage set was estimated at 220 acres, down 60 acres from the previous year. Flue-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 17,000 acres, down 4,000 from a year ago. Flue-cured producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 159,000 acres, 20 percent below last year.

Peanut growers in the Commonwealth planted 25,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2018. Producers expect to harvest 25,000 acres of peanuts this year, also up 1,000 acres from 2018. U.S. peanuts planted was estimated at 1.36 million acres, down 4 percent from 2018. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 1.32 million acres, down 3 percent from last year.

Barley seeded acreage is estimated at 35,000 acres, up 17 percent from last year. Barley producers anticipate harvesting 9,000 acres for grain, unchanged from last year. Barley planted for the Nation was estimated at 2.86 million acres, up 12 percent from 2018. Acres harvested for grain is forecast at 2.33 million acres, up 18 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Virginia was estimated at 180,000 acres, 50,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 115,000 acres, 40,000 acres below 2018. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 31.8 million acres, down 2 percent from 2018. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 24.9 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Virginia was estimated at 45,000 acres, up 5,000 from the 2018 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 52.8 million acres, down slightly from 2018.

**Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2019 - Virginia and United States**

	Virginia				United States			
	Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>		Planted <sup>1</sup>		Harvested <sup>1</sup>	
	2018 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2019 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2018 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2019 <sup>2</sup> <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2018 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2019 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2018 <i>(1,000 acres)</i>	2019 <sup>2</sup> <i>(1,000 acres)</i>
Barley <sup>3</sup>	30	35	9	9	2,543	2,857	1,978	2,331
Corn	485	530	325	370	89,129	91,700	81,740	83,595
Cotton <sup>4</sup>	98	105	97	--	14,100	13,720	10,206	--
Soybeans	600	570	590	560	89,196	80,040	88,110	79,266
Peanut	24	25	24	25	1,426	1,364	1,369	1,323
Wheat, Winter <sup>3</sup>	230	180	155	115	32,535	31,778	24,742	24,924
Hay:								
All	--	--	1,140	1,145	--	--	52,839	52,773
Alfalfa	--	--	40	45	--	--	16,608	16,828
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,100	--	--	36,231	35,945
	<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	--	--	22,280	17,920	--	--	291,430	235,820
Burley	--	--	1,000	700	--	--	61,050	52,100
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	280	220	--	--	18,880	14,620
Flue-Cured	--	--	21,000	17,000	--	--	197,800	159,000

<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.