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November 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast

RICHMOND, Va. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the November Crop Production report today. “Yield forecast for corn, soybeans and cotton decreased when compared with a month ago based on November 1 conditions,” said Herman Ellison, Virginia state statistician. “While the yield forecast for peanuts was unchanged from the previous month. As of October 27, the crops harvest progressed ahead the normal pace.”

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 52.5 million bushels, down 5 percent from the October forecast and up 11 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 140.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from last month and down 6.0 bushels from the 2018 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 375,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from 2018. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.7 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 5 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 167.0 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and down 9.4 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up slightly from 2018.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 19.0 million bushels, down 11 percent from the October forecast and down 23 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 34.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from last month and down 8.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 560,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.55 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 20 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.9 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and down 3.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 75.6 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and down 14 percent from 2018.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 200,000 bales, down 9 percent from the October forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 923 pounds per acre, down 92 pounds from last month and up 27 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 104,000 acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 7,000 acres from 2018. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 20.8 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from the October forecast and up 13 percent from 2018. Yields are forecast to average 799 pounds per acre, down 34 pounds from last month and down 65 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 20.1 million 480-pound bales, up 14 percent from 2018. Pima cotton production is forecast at 747,000 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from 2018.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 103 million pounds for 2019, up 2 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 25,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,100 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from 2018. National peanut production is forecast to be 5.64 billion, up

3 percent from last year. Acres harvested are projected to total 1.38 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. Yields are anticipated to average 4,080 pounds per acre, up 79 pound per acre from 2018.

Survey responses for this report were collected around November 1. “I want to thank the producers for taking the time to provide data for this report,” Ellison said.