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September 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast

“The September 1 crop production report indicated an increase in yields for the corn, cotton and the tobacco crops when compared to 2018,” said Herman Ellison, Virginia State Statistician. “The soybean and peanuts crops indicated a yield decrease from last year.”

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 55.9 million bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 18 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 149 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and up 3.0 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 13.8 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast and down 4 percent from 2018. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 168.2 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from last month and down 8.2 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.0 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up slightly from 2018.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 21.3 million bushels, down 12 percent from the August forecast and down 16 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 38 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from last month and down 5.0 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 3.63 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast and down 20 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.9 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushels from last month and down 3.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 75.9 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and down 14 percent from 2018.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 230,000 bales, up 5 percent from the August forecast and up 27 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,062 pounds per acre, up 47 pounds from last month and up 166 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 104,000 acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up 7,000 acres from 2018. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 21.9 million bales, down 3 percent from the August forecast and up 19 percent from 2018. Yields are forecast to average 839 pounds per acre, down 16 pounds from last month and down 25 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 12.5 million acres, down 1 percent from the August forecast and up 23 percent from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 97.5 million pounds for 2019, down 3 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 25,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 3,900 pounds per acre, down 300 pounds from 2018.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 33.0 million pounds, down 8 percent from the August forecast and down 21 percent from 2018. Yield was projected at 2,200 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last month and up 200 pounds from the 2018 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 15,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **flue-cured producing states** production is forecast at 304 million pounds, down 3 percent from the August forecast and down 10 percent from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 150,500 acres, down 24 percent from 2018. Yields were expected to average 2,020 pounds per acre, up 308 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 672,000 pounds up 23 percent from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is forecast at 1.26 million pounds, down 16 percent from last year.

“Thank you to all the farmers for taking the time to complete the September Agricultural Yield Survey,” Ellison said. “We appreciate their efforts during the busy growing season.”

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019 ²	2018	2019		2018	2019
						Aug 1 ¹	Sep 1 ²		
VIRGINIA									
Corn ³	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Soybeans ³	485	540	325	375	146.0	147.0	149.0	47,450	55,875
	600	570	590	560	43.0	43.0	38.0	25,370	21,280
Cotton ⁴	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 bales)	(1,000 bales)
	98	105	97	104	896	1,015	1,062	181	230
Peanuts	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
	24	25	24	25	4,200	4,000	3,900	100,800	97,500
Tobacco:	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
All	--	--	22,280	16,020	1,977	2,088	2,181	44,046	34,932
Burley	--	--	1,000	700	1,500	1,800	1,800	1,500	1,260
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	280	320	1,950	2,100	2,100	546	672
Flue-Cured	--	--	21,000	15,000	2,000	2,100	2,200	42,000	33,000
UNITED STATES									
Corn ³	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Soybeans ³	89,129	90,005	81,740	82,017	176.4	169.5	168.2	14,420,101	13,799,151
	89,196	76,700	88,110	75,866	51.6	48.5	47.9	4,543,883	3,632,651
Cotton ⁴	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
	14,100	13,762	10,206	12,509	864	855	839	18,367	21,862
Peanuts	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
	1,426	1,425	1,369	1,383	3,991	4,008	4,086	5,461,600	5,650,900
Tobacco:	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
All	--	--	291,430	230,920	1,830	2,110	2,090	533,241	482,702
Burley	--	--	61,050	50,600	1,645	2,010	1,897	100,435	96,000
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	18,880	16,020	3,121	2,978	2,920	58,926	46,782
Flue-Cured	--	--	197,800	150,500	1,712	2,011	2,020	338,690	304,000

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain ⁴ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.