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### **March 1 Planting Intentions**

Farmers in Virginia intend to plant 540,000 acres of corn, unchanged from 2019. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 97.0 million acres for all purposes in 2020, up 8 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than 2018.

Soybean acreage in Virginia is expected to total 600,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2020 is estimated at 83.5 million acres, up 10 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage to be planted in Virginia is forecast at 95,000, down 8,000 acres from 2019. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 13.5 million acres, down slightly from the previous year.

Peanut acreage in Virginia is expected to total 27,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. peanut planted area for 2020 is estimated at 1.53 million acres, up 7 percent from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco growers in Virginia intend to set 14,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2019. For flue-cured producing states, growers intend to set 130,500 acres, 13 percent below last year.

Producers intend to set 300 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Virginia, down 20 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to burley tobacco was estimated at 700 acres, unchanged acres from 2019.

Barley seeded by Virginia farmers in the fall of 2019 totaled 30,000 acres, unchanged acres from previous year. U.S. seeded acreage was 2.92 million acres, up 7 percent from 2019.

Winter wheat seeded by Virginia farmers in the fall of 2019 totaled 260,000 acres, up 80,000 acres from previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 30.8 million acres, down 1 percent from 2018.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 1.15 million acres of all hay, unchanged from 2019. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 53.3 million acres of hay in 2020, up 2 percent from last year.