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August 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 49.5 million bushels, down 10% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 132 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from the 2019 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 375,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2019. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 15.3 billion bushels, up 12% from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 181.8 bushels per acre, up 14.4 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 84.0 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but up 3% from 2019.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 20.7 million bushels, increased 9% from 2019. Yield was estimated at 37.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.42 billion bushels, up 25% from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 53.3 bushels per acre, up 5.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.0 million acres, unchanged from June but up 11% from 2019.

Virginia farmers expect to harvest 10.1 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2020. The expected crop for 2020 would be up 55% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 61.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from 2019 and unchanged bushels from July. Farmers expect to harvest 165,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.20 billion bushels, down 8% from 2019. The United States yield is forecast at 51.1 bushels per acre, down 0.9 bushel from last month and down 2.5 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 23.4 million acres, down 4% from last year.

Barley producers in **Virginia** forecast harvesting 612,000 bushels for 2020, up 35% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested for grain total 9,000 acres, up 2,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 68.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 from last month but up 3.0 bushel from 2019. **U.S.** production is expected to total 175.9 million bushels, up 4% from last year. Acres harvested is forecast at 2.23 million acres, up 2% from last year. Growers nationwide anticipate a yield of 78.8 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the July forecast but up 1.1 bushels from 2019.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 180,000 bales, down 26% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 919 pounds per acre, down 225 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 94,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from 2019. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 18.1 million bales, down 9% from 2019. Yields are forecast to average 938 pounds per acre, up 115 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.25 million acres, down 20% from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 108 million pounds for 2020, down 2% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 27,000 acres, up 3,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,000 pounds per acre, down 600 pounds from 2019. **U.S.** peanut production was forecast at 6.21 billion pounds, up 13% from 2019. Yields are forecast to average 4,218 pounds per acre, up 269 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.47 million acres, up 6% from the previous year.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production was forecast at 29.4 million pounds, up 3% from 2019. Yield was projected at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from the 2019 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 14,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 224 million pounds, down 25% from last year. Tobacco growers plan to harvest 127,200 acres, down 15% from 2019. Yields were expected to average 1,763 pounds per acre, down 227 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 475,000 pounds, down 18% from the previous year. **Virginia burley** tobacco production was forecast at 720 thousand pounds, down 46% from last year.

Virginia alfalfa hay production is forecast at 128,000 tons, 5% below the 2019 level. **Virginia other hay** production was estimated at 2.54 million tons, up 5% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020 ²	2019	2020		2019	2020
						Jul 1 ²	Aug 1 ²		
VIRGINIA									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	540	520	380	375	144.0	--	132.0	54,720	49,500
Soybeans ³	570	570	560	560	34.0	--	37.0	19,040	20,720
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>
Cotton ⁵	103	95	102	94	1,144	--	919	243	180
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	1,145	1,170	2.23	--	2.28	2,555	2,671
Alfalfa	--	--	45	40	3.00	--	3.20	135	128
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,130	2.20	--	2.25	2,420	2,543
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Peanuts	25,000	27,000	24,000	27,000	4,600	--	4,000	110,400	108,000
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	16,020	14,650	1,898	--	2,088	30,406	30,595
Burley	--	--	700	400	1,900	--	1,800	1,330	720
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	320	250	1,800	--	1,900	576	475
Flue Cured	--	--	15,000	14,000	1,900	2,000	2,100	28,500	29,400
UNITED STATES									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Corn ³	89,700	92,006	81,322	84,023	167.4	--	181.8	13,617,261	15,278,202
Soybeans ³	76,100	83,825	74,951	83,020	47.4	--	53.3	3,552,241	4,424,800
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>
Cotton ⁵	13,736	12,185	11,613	9,247	823	--	938	19,913	18,080
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	52,425	52,381	2.46	--	2.39	128,864	125,250
Alfalfa	--	--	16,743	16,352	3.28	--	3.16	54,875	51,660
Other, All	--	--	35,682	36,029	2.07	--	2.04	73,989	73,590
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Peanuts	1,427,700	1,514,000	1,391,700	1,473,000	3,949		4,218	5,496,087	6,213,200
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	227,120	196,750	2,060	--	1,892	467,956	372,340
Burley	--	--	48,600	43,500	1,910	--	1,779	92,830	77,365
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,120	13,450	2,839	--	2,960	45,766	39,810
Flue Cured	--	--	149,300	127,200	1,990	1,919	1,763	297,170	224,240

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.