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2019 Virginia Annual Crop Production Summary

Corn production in **Virginia** is estimated at 54.7 million bushels, up 4 percent from the November forecast and up 15 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 144 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the previous forecast and down 2 bushels from the 2018 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 380,000 acres, up 55,000 acres from 2018. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 13.7 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and down 5 percent from 2018. Yields averaged 168.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the previous forecast and down 8.4 bushels from 2018. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 81.5 million acres, down slightly from the November forecast and up slightly from 2018.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is estimated at 19.0 million bushels, unchanged from the November forecast and down 23 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 34 bushels per acre, unchanged from November forecast and down 8 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 estimated at 3.56 billion bushels, up slightly from the November forecast and down 20 percent from last year. Yields were estimated at 47.4 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last month and down 3.2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is estimated at 75.0 million acres, down 1 percent from the November forecast and down 14 percent from 2018.

Virginia cotton production is estimated at 220,000 480-pound bales, up 10 percent from the November forecast and up 22 percent from last year. Cotton yields were estimated at 1,035 pounds per acre, up 112 pounds from last month and up 139 pounds from the previous year. Producers harvested 102,000 acres, down 2,000 from the November forecast and up 5,000 acres from 2018. **U.S.** cotton production totaled 20.1 million 480-pound bales, down 3 percent from the November forecast and up 9 percent from 2018. Yields were estimated at 817 pounds per acre, up 18 pounds from last month and down 47 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is estimated at 19.4 million bales, up 10 percent from 2018. Pima cotton production is estimated at 722,000 480-pound bales, down 10 percent from 2018.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** are estimated to produce 110 million pounds for 2019, up 10 percent from last year. Acres harvested were estimated at 24,000 acres, unchanged acres from last year. Peanut yield is estimated at 4,600 pounds per acre, up 400 pounds from 2018. **U.S.** peanut production was estimated at 5.50 billion pounds, up slightly from last year. Acres harvested are estimated to total 1.39 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. Yields averaged 3,949 pounds per acre, down 52 pound per acre from 2018.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is estimated at 28.5 million pounds, down 5 percent from the October forecast and down 32 percent from 2018. Yield was estimated at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from October forecast and down 100 pounds from the 2018 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 15,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from last year's crop. **U.S.** production is estimated at 297 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year. Flue-cured growers harvested 149,300 acres, down 25 percent from 2018. Yields were estimated at 1,990 pounds per acre, up 278 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 576,000 pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is estimated at 1.33 million pounds, down 11 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay production by **Virginia** farmers is forecast at 135,000 tons, up 13 percent the 2018 level. **Other hay** production in **Virginia** is estimated at 2.42 million tons, unchanged from last year.