March 1 Planting Intentions

Farmers in Virginia intend to plant 510,000 acres of corn, 50,000 lower than 2020. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 91.1 million acres for all purposes in 2021, up slightly from last year and 2 percent higher than 2019.

Soybean acreage in Virginia is expected to total 560,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2021 is estimated at 87.6 million acres, up 5 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage to be planted in Virginia is forecast at 70,000, down 10,000 acres from 2020. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 11.9 million acres, up slightly from the previous year.

Peanut acreage in Virginia is expected to total 27,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. peanut planted area for 2021 is estimated at 1.63 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco growers in Virginia intend to set 12,000 acres, unchanged acres from 2020. For flue-cured producing states, growers intend to set 127,500 acres, slightly below last year.

Producers intend to set 250 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Virginia, unchanged acres from the previous year. Acreage set to burley tobacco was estimated at 360 acres, down 40.0 acres from 2020.

Barley seeded by Virginia farmers in the fall of 2020 totaled 30,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from previous year. U.S. seeded acreage was 2.59 million acres, down 1 percent from 2020.

Winter wheat seeded by Virginia farmers in the fall of 2020 totaled 220,000 acres, unchanged acres from previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 33.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2019.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 1.08 million acres of all hay, down 60,000 from 2020. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 51.7 million acres of hay in 2021, down 1 percent from last year.