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March 1 Planting Intentions

Farmers in Virginia intend to plant 450,000 acres of corn, 70,000 lower than 2021. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 89.5 million acres for all purposes in 2022, down 4 percent from last year and 1 percent lower than 2020.

Soybean acreage in Virginia is expected to total 680,000 acres, up 80,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2022 is estimated at 91.0 million acres, up 4 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage to be planted in Virginia is forecast at 88,000, up 13,000 acres from 2021. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 12.1 million acres, up 9 percent from the previous year.

Peanut acreage in Virginia is expected to total 32,000 acres, up 2,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. peanut planted area for 2022 is estimated at 1.57 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

Flue-cured tobacco growers in Virginia intend to set 12,500 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2021. For flue-cured producing states, growers intend to set 153,000 acres, 2 percent above last year.

Producers intend to set 350 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Virginia, up 180 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to burley tobacco was estimated at 300 acres, down 60 acres from 2021.

Barley seeded by Virginia farmers in the fall of 2021 totaled 35,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. seeded acreage was 2.94 million acres, up 11 percent from 2021.

Winter wheat seeded by Virginia farmers in the fall of 2021 totaled 250,000 acres, up 45,000 acres from the previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 34.2 million acres, up 2 percent from 2021.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 975,000 acres of all hay, down 55,000 from 2021. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 50.3 million acres of hay in 2022, down 1 percent from last year.