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Smaller Virginia Corn and Soybean Crops

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 55.5 million bushels, down 4% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 161.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from the 2021 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 345,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from 2021. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 13.9 billion bushels, down 8% from 2021. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 171.9 bushels per acre, down 4.8 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.8 million acres, unchanged from the September forecast but down 5% from 2021.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 25.6 million bushels, down 6% from 2021. Yield was estimated at 42.0 bushels per acre, down 4.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.31 billion bushels, down 3% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 49.8 bushels per acre, down 1.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.6 million acres, down 1% from September but up slightly from 2021.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 196,000 bales, up 15% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,057 pounds per acre, down 52 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 89,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from 2021. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 13.8 million bales, down 21% from 2021. Yields are forecast to average 842 pounds per acre, up 23 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 7.88 million acres, down 23% from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 132 million pounds for 2022, down 7% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 28,000 acres, down 2,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,700 pounds per acre, unchanged from 2021.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production was forecast at 27.5 million pounds, down 18% from 2021. Yield was projected at 2,200 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the 2021 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,500 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** production was forecast at 285 million pounds, down 9% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 140,500 acres, down 6% from 2021. Yields were expected to average 2,026 pounds per acre, down 62 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 345,000 pounds, down 3% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production was forecast at 500,000 pounds, down 34% from last year.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 130,000 tons, 49% above the 2021 level. **Other hay** production was estimated at 2.53 million tons, up 27% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022 ²	2021	2022		2021	2022
						Sep 1 ²	Oct 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	510	480	360	345	160.0	162.0	161.0	57,600	55,545
Soybeans ³	600	620	590	610	46.0	44.0	42.0	27,140	25,620
	<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	75	90	74	89	1,109	1,036	1,057	171	196
	<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	--	--	1,030	1,135	2.03	--	2.34	2,087	2,660
Alfalfa	--	--	30	35	2.90	--	3.70	87	130
Other, All	--	--	1,000	1,100	2.00	--	2.30	2,000	2,530
	<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	30,000	29,000	30,000	28,000	4,700	4,700	4,700	141,000	131,600
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	15,030	12,900	2,293	2,197	2,197	34,463	28,345
Burley	--	--	360	250	2,100	2,000	2,000	756	500
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	170	150	2,100	2,300	2,300	357	345
Flue Cured	--	--	14,500	12,500	2,300	2,200	2,200	33,350	27,500
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	93,252	88,608	85,318	80,844	176.7	172.5	171.9	15,073,820	13,895,176
Soybeans ³	87,195	87,455	86,312	86,631	51.7	50.5	49.8	4,465,382	4,312,949
	<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	11,216	13,791	10,272	7,876	819	843	842	17,523	13,812
	<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	--	--	50,736	51,507	2.37	--	2.18	120,196	112,061
Alfalfa	--	--	15,246	15,465	3.23	--	3.16	49,245	48,820
Other, All	--	--	35,490	36,042	2.00	--	1.75	70,951	63,241
	<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	1,580	1,459	1,540	1,411	4,130	4,145	4,090	6,361,331	5,771,000
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	218,930	205,600	2,183	2,100	2,116	477,973	434,965
Burley	--	--	41,010	34,850	2,055	1,873	1,885	84,256	65,680
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,870	16,350	3,235	3,076	3,076	48,102	50,295
Flue Cured	--	--	150,100	140,500	2,088	2,021	2,026	313,430	284,700

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.