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### Virginia Producers Expect Larger Grain and Cotton Harvests

**Corn** production in **Virginia** was forecast at 62.4 million bushels, up 5% from the previous crop. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is estimated at 160 bushels per acre, unchanged from the 2021. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 390,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2021. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 14.4 billion bushels, down 5% from 2021. Yields are expected to average 175.4 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but down 4% from 2021.

**Soybean** production for **Virginia** is forecast at 31.5 million bushels, an increase of 16% from 2021. Yield is estimated at 47.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.53 billion bushels, up 2% from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.9 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 87.2 million acres, down slightly from June but up 1% from 2021.

**Virginia cotton** production is projected to be 172,000 bales, up 1% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,045 pounds per acre, down 64 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 79,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2021. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 12.6 million bales, down 28% from 2021. Yields are forecast to average 846 pounds per acre, up 27 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 7.13 million acres, down 31% from the previous year.

**Peanut** farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 146 million pounds for 2022, up 3% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 31,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,700 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from 2021. **U.S.** peanut production is forecast at 6.20 billion pounds, down 3% from 2021. Yields are forecast to average 4,129 pounds per acre, down 6 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.50 billion acres, down 3% from the previous year.

**Virginia** farmers expect to harvest 11.2 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2022. The expected crop for 2022 would be up 40% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 66.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from 2021. Farmers expect to harvest c170,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.20 billion bushels, down 6% from 2021. The United States yield is forecast at 47.9 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 2.3 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.0 million acres, down 2% from last year.

**Barley** producers in **Virginia** forecast harvesting 847,000 bushels for 2022, up 61% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested for grain total 11,000 acres, up 4,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 77.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from 2021. **U. S.** production is expected to total 157.8 million bushels, up 34% from last year. Acres harvested is forecast at 2.38 million acres, up 22% from last year. Growers nationwide anticipate a yield of 66.3 bushels per acre, down 6.7 bushels from the July forecast but up 5.9 bushels from 2021.

**Virginia flue-cured tobacco** production was forecast at 28.0 million pounds, down 16% from 2021. Yield was projected at 2,000 pounds per acre, down 300 pounds from the 2021 crop. Harvested acreage is estimated at 14,000 acres, down 500 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 301 million pounds, down 4% from last year. Tobacco growers plan to harvest 151,000 acres, up 1% from 2021. Yields were expected to average 1,995 pounds per acre, down 93 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 529,000 pounds, up 48% from the previous year. **Virginia burley** tobacco production was forecast at 570,000 pounds, down 25% from last year.

**Virginia alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 133,000 tons, 53% above the 2021 level. **Virginia other hay** production was estimated at 2.53 million tons, up 27% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022 <sup>2</sup>	2021	2022		2021	2022
						Jul 1 <sup>2</sup>	Aug 1 <sup>2</sup>		
<b>VIRGINIA</b>									
	<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 <sup>3</sup>	520	540	370	390	160.0	--	160.0	59,200	62,400
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	600	680	590	670	46.0	--	47.0	27,140	31,490
	<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 <sup>5</sup>	75	80	74	79	1,109	--	1,045	171	172
	<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	--	2.35	2,087	2,663
Alfalfa	--	--	30	35	2.90	--	3.80	87	133
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	32,000	30,000	31,000	4,700	--	4,700	141,000	145,700
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	15,030	14,530	2,293	--	2,003	34,463	29,099
Burley	--	--	360	300	2,100	--	1,900	756	570
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	170	230	2,100	--	2,300	357	529
Flue Cured	--	--	14,500	14,000	2,300	2,100	2,000	33,350	28,000
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
	<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 <sup>3</sup>	93,357	89,821	85,388	81,840	177.0	--	175.4	15,115,170	14,358,679
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	87,195	88,025	86,332	87,211	51.4	--	51.9	4,435,232	4,530,561
	<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 <sup>5</sup>	11,216	12,478	10,272	7,129	819	--	846	17,523	12,570
	<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	--	2.27	120,196	116,759
Alfalfa	--	--	15,246	15,465	3.23	--	3.17	49,245	49,100
Other, All	--	--	35,490	36,042	2.00	--	1.88	70,951	67,659
	<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	1,585	1,543	1,545	1,502	4,135	--	4,129	6,389,300	6,201,600
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	218,930	220,730	2,183	--	2,058	477,973	454,169
Burley	--	--	41,010	38,900	2,055	--	1,794	84,256	69,800
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,870	16,430	3,235	--	3,034	48,102	49,849
Flue Cured	--	--	150,100	151,000	2,088	1,833	1,995	313,430	301,300,00

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>5</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.