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WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2020

Charleston, West Virginia – **Corn** planted is estimated at 46,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from 2019. Growers expect to harvest 32,000 acres for grain, down 6,000 acres from last year.

All hay harvested is forecast at 520,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 10,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 510,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2020, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

UNITED STATES WITH 2019 COMPARISONS

Corn planted for all purposes – 92.0 million acres, up 3 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:

Insect resistant - 3% of 2020 crop, 3% of 2019 crop;

Herbicide resistant - 10% of 2020 crop, 9% of 2019 crop;

Stacked gene - 79% of 2020 crop, 80% of 2019 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2020 crop, 92% of 2019 crop.

Corn harvested for grain – 84.0 million acres, up 3 percent.

Winter wheat planted – 30.6 million acres, down 2 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain – 23.4 million acres, down 4 percent.

Oats planted – 3.1 million acres, up 12 percent.

Oats harvested for grain – 998,000 acres, up 21 percent.

All tobacco harvested – 189,450 acres, down 17 percent.

Burley tobacco harvested – 43,500 acres, down 10 percent.

All hay for harvest – 52.4 million acres, down less than 1 percent.

Alfalfa hay for harvest – 16.4 million acres, down 2 percent.

Other hay for harvest – 36.0 million acres, up 1 percent.

Soybeans planted – 83.8 million acres, up 10 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2020 crop, 94% of 2019 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2020 crop, 94% of 2019 crop.

Soybeans for harvest – 83.0 million acres, up 11 percent.