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## AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

**Charleston, West Virginia** – **All other hay** production (excluding alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures) is forecast at 1,083,000 tons, up 57,000 tons from 2017. The area harvested is expected to total 570,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.90 tons, up 0.10 tons per acre from 2017.

Based on August 1 conditions, **apple** production is forecast at 110.0 million pounds. The forecast is up 8.0 million pounds or 8 percent from the 2017 crop of 102.0 million pounds.

Based on August 1 conditions, **peach** production is forecast at 6,500 tons (13.0 million pounds). The forecast is down 100 tons or 2 percent from the 2017 crop of 6,600 tons.

## UNITED STATES AUGUST 1, 2018 FORECAST WITH 2017 COMPARISONS

- Corn production - 14.6 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent.
- Corn yield - 178.4 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels.
- Oats production - 65.7 million bushels, up 33 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.19 billion bushels, down 6 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa mixtures hay production - 57.8 million tons, up 5 percent.
- All other hay production - 70.7 million tons, down 7 percent.
- All tobacco production - 647.0 million pounds, down 9 percent.
- Burley tobacco production - 133.0 million pounds, down 17 percent.
- Soybean production - 4.59 billion bushels, up 4 percent.
- Barley production - 156.0 million bushels, up 10 percent.
- Apple production - 11.5 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent.
- Peach production - 732,050 tons, up 5 percent.