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### **Kentucky Corn and Soybean Production Lower than 2023**

**Corn** production in **Kentucky** is estimated at 228 million bushels, down 19% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 178 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 1.28 million acres, down 220,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production is estimated at 14.9 billion bushels, down 3% from the 2023 value. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 179.3 bushels per acre. This is 2.0 bushels above the 2023 average yield. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 82.9 million acres, down 4% from the 2023 acreage.

**Soybean** production for **Kentucky** is estimated at 97.9 million bushels, down 2% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 48 bushels per acre, down 7.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 2.04 million acres, up 220,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.37 billion bushels, up 5% from last year. The average yield per acre is estimated at 50.7 bushels, up 0.1 bushels from last year. Area harvested is up 5% from 2023 at 86.1 million acres.

**Kentucky burley tobacco** production is estimated at 51.3 million pounds, down 10% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 2,050 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 25,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is estimated at 57.0 million pounds, down 12% from last year. Burley growers harvested 28,600 acres, down 9% from 2023. Yields were estimated at 1,993 pounds per acre, down 68 pounds from last year.

Production of **Kentucky dark fire-cured** tobacco is estimated at 15.7 million pounds, down 19% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is estimated at 8.37 million pounds, down 5% from last year.

**Alfalfa hay** production by **Kentucky** farmers is estimated at 300,000 tons, up 11% the 2023 level. **Other hay** production is estimated at 4.70 million tons, up 13% from last year.