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Dry Weather Hurts Tennessee Corn Production

Corn production in **Tennessee** is forecast at 101 million bushels, down 34% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 153.0 bushels per acre, down 20.0 bushels from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 660,000 acres, down 230,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, down 1% from 2023. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 183.6 bushels per acre, up 6.3 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 4% from 2023.

Soybean production for **Tennessee** is forecast at 82.8 million bushels, up 3% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 46.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.80 million acres, up 230,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.59 billion bushels, up 10% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 53.2 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.3 million acres, up 5% from 2023.

Tennessee cotton production is projected to be 580,000 bales, down 14% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,114 pounds per acre, down 136 pounds from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 250,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2024. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 14.5 million bales, up 20% from 2023. Yields are forecast to average 807 pounds per acre, down 92 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.63 million acres, up 34% from the previous year.

Tennessee burley tobacco production is forecast at 5.40 million pounds, up 16% from 2023. Yield was projected at 1,500 pounds per acre, down 50 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 3,600 acres, up 600 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 55.4 million pounds, down 14% from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 28,600 acres, down 9% from 2023. Yields were expected to average 1,937 pounds per acre, down 122 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 10.4 million pounds, down 33% from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 2.30 million pounds, down 23% from last year.