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### **More Soybeans and Corn Planted in Virginia**

Soybeans planted in Virginia were estimated at 630,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from 2023. Acres harvested for grain, at 620,000 acres, was 50,000 acres above acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2024 was estimated at 86.1 million acres, up 3% from last year. Area for harvest, at 85.3 million acres, is up 4% from 2023.

Acreage planted to corn in Virginia was estimated at 500,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2023. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 380,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2024 was estimated at 91.5 million acres, down 3% from last year. Growers expect to harvest 83.4 million acres for grain, down 4% from last year.

Upland cotton acreage in Virginia was estimated at 80,000, down 1,000 acres from 2023. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 11.5 million acres, up 14% from the previous year.

Virginia Flue-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, down 800 from a year ago. Flue-cured producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 126,000 acres, 9% below last year.

Peanut growers in the Commonwealth planted 24,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2023. Producers expect to harvest 24,000 acres of peanuts this year, down 5,000 acres from 2023. U.S. peanuts planted was estimated at 1.76 million acres, up 7% from 2023. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 1.70 million acres, up 8% from last year.

Barley seeded acreage is estimated at 24,000 acres, down 20% from last year. Barley producers anticipate harvesting 6,000 acres for grain, unchanged from last year. Barley planted for the Nation was estimated at 2.56 million acres, down 18% from 2023. Acres harvested for grain is forecast at 2.02 million acres, down 21% from last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Virginia was estimated at 150,000 acres, 50,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 85,000 acres, 50,000 acres below 2023. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 33.8 million acres, down 8% from 2023. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 25.8 million acres, up 5% from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Virginia was estimated at 35,000 acres, unchanged from the 2023 crop. All other hay was estimated at 1.10 million acres, down 20,000 from a year ago. The U.S. all hay acreage was estimated at 51.5 million acres, down 2% from 2023.