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November 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 33.3 million bushels, down 8% from the October forecast and down 43% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 95.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from last month and down 62.0 bushels from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 350,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 1% from 2023. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 183.1 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushels from last month and up 5.8 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and down 4% from 2023.

Sovbean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 26.4 million bushels, unchanged from the October forecast and up 22% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 44.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and up 6.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 600,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.46 billion bushels, down 3% from the October forecast and up 7% from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and up 1.1 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.3 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 5% from 2023.

<u>Virginia cotton</u> production is projected to be 190,000 bales, unchanged from the October forecast and up 2% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,013 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from last month and down 109 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 90,000 acres, unchanged from the October forecast and up 10,000 acres from 2023. <u>U.S.</u> cotton production was forecast at 14.2 million 480-pound bales, down slightly from the October forecast and up 18% from 2023. Yields are forecast to average 789 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from last month and down 110 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 13.7 million 480-pound bales, up 17% from 2023. Pima cotton production is forecast at 481,000 480-pound bales, up 52% from 2023.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 138 million pounds for 2024, down 1% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 30,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,600 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from 2023. National peanut production is forecast to be 6.51 billion, up 11% from last year. Acres harvested are projected to total 1.75 million acres, up 12% from the previous year. Yields are anticipated to average 3,723 pounds per acre, down 52 pound per acre from 2023.