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### August 1 Crop Production Forecast

**Corn** production in **Virginia** was forecast at 35.0 million bushels, down 41% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 100 bushels per acre, down 57 bushels from the 2023 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 350,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from 2023. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, down 1% from 2023. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 183.1 bushels per acre, up 5.8 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 4% from 2023.

**Soybean** production for **Virginia** is forecast at 25.8 million bushels, increased 19% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 43.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.59 billion bushels, up 10% from last year. Based on August 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.

**Virginia** farmers expect to harvest 5.87 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2024. The expected crop for 2024 would be down 44% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 69.0 bushels per acre, down 9.0 bushels from 2023 and up 3.0 bushels from July. Farmers expect to harvest 85,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.36 billion bushels, up 9% from 2023. The United States yield is forecast at 53.2 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushel from last month and up 2.6 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 25.6 million acres, up 4% from last year.

**Virginia cotton** production is projected to be 185,000 bales, down 1% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 987 pounds per acre, down 135 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 90,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2023. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 15.1 million bales, up 25% from 2023. Yields are forecast to average 840 pounds per acre, down 59 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.63 million acres, up 34% from the previous year.

**Peanut** farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 141 million pounds for 2024, up 1% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 30,000 acres, up 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,700 pounds per acre, down 130 pounds from 2023. **U.S.** peanut production was forecast at 6.78 billion pounds, up 15% from 2023. Yields are forecast to average 3,890 pounds per acre, up 148 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.74 billion acres, up 11% from the previous year.

**Virginia flue-cured tobacco** production was forecast at 28.8 million pounds, down 4% from 2023. Yield was projected at 2,200 pounds per acre, down 150 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,100 acres, up 300 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 286 million pounds, down 9% from last year. Tobacco growers plan to harvest 130,100 acres, down 6% from 2023. Yields were expected to average 2,200 pounds per acre, down 83 pounds from last year.

**Virginia alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 84,000 tons, 25% below the 2023 level. **Virginia other hay** production was estimated at 2.09 million tons, down 11% from last year.