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September 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 35.0 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast and down 41% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 100 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and down 57.0 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 is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up slightly from the August forecast and down 1% from 2023. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 183.6 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last month and up 6.3 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and down 4% from 2023.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 25.8 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast and up 19% from 2023. Yield was estimated at 43 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and up 5.0 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 4.59 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast and up 10% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 53.2 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and up 2.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.3 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up 5% from 2023.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 180,000 bales, down 3% from the August forecast and down 4% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 960 pounds per acre, down 27 pounds from last month and down 162 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 90,000 acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up 10,000 acres from 2023. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 14.5 million bales, down 4% from the August forecast and up 20% from 2023. Yields are forecast to average 807 pounds per acre, down 33 pounds from last month and down 92 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.63 million acres, up slightly from the August forecast and up 34% from the previous year.

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 230 pounds from 2023.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 24.9 million pounds, down 14 % from the August forecast and down 17% from 2023. Yield was projected at 1,900 pounds per acre, down 300 pounds from last month and down 450 pounds from the 2023 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,100 acres, up 300 acres from last year's crop. For the **flue-cured producing states** production is forecast at 261 million pounds, down 9% from the August forecast and down 17% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 131,100 acres, down 5% from 2023. Yields were expected to average 1,990 pounds per acre, down 293 pounds from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2023	2024	2023	2024 ²	2023	2024		2023	2024
						Aug 1 ¹	Sep 1 ²		
VIRGINIA									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Barley ³⁴	30	24	6	6	83.0		--	498	
Corn ³	495	460	375	350	157.0	100.0	100.0	58,875	35,000
Soybeans ³	580	610	570	600	38.0	43.0	43.0	21,660	25,800
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	200	150	135	85	78.0	69.0	--	10,530	5,865
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	81	91	80	90	1,122	987	960	187	180
Peanuts	29	30	29	30	4,830	4,700	4,600	140,070	138,000
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	13,070	13,100	2,343	2,200	1,900	30,624	24,890
Burley	--	--	170		2,050			349	
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	100		1,950			195	
Flue-Cured	--	--	12,800	13,100	2,350	2,200	1,900	30,080	24,890
UNITED STATES									
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Barley ³⁴	3,101	2,405	2,555	1,882	72.4	79.1	--	185,036	148,805
Corn ³	94,641	90,748	86,513	82,710	177.3	183.1	183.6	15,341,595	15,185,510
Soybeans ³	83,600	87,100	82,356	86,271	50.6	53.2	53.2	4,164,677	4,585,889
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	36,699	33,480	24,683	25,593	50.6	53.2	--	1,247,748	1,360,922
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	10,230	11,174	6,440	8,635	899	840	807	12,066	14,512
Peanuts	1,645	1,805	1,574	1,749	3,742	3,890	3,836	5,890,020	6,709,800
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	187,630	172,200	2,305	2,187	2,040	432,452	351,260
Burley	--	--	31,390	28,600	2,059	1,862	1,937	64,647	55,400
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	11,500	8,400	3,095	2,845	2,856	35,595	23,990
Flue-Cured	--	--	138,000	131,100	2,283	2,200	1,990	315,030	260,890

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.