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WEST VIRGINIA 2024 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS

Charleston, West Virginia – All hay area harvested in 2024 totaled 607,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2023. The average yield in 2024 was 1.52 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 920,000 tons, down 131,000 tons from 2023. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 680,000 tons, down 100,000 tons from 2023.

Alfalfa hay area harvested totaled 7,000 acres in 2024, down 3,000 acres from 2023. Yields in 2024 averaged 2.80 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 20,000 tons, down 11,000 tons from 2023. New seedings of alfalfa in 2024 are estimated at 1,000 acres, unchanged from 2023.

All other hay area harvested totaled 600,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Yields averaged 1.50 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton per acre from 2023. Production totaled 900,000 tons, down 120,000 tons from 2023.

Corn area planted for all purposes in 2024 totaled 41,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from 2023. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 26,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from 2023. The average yield of 110.0 bushels per acre was down 35 bushels per acre from 2023. Production was 2,860,000 bushels, down 1,490,000 bushels from 2023.

Corn for silage area harvested was 9,000 acres in 2024, unchanged from 2023. Yields averaged 12.0 tons per acre, down 5.0 tons per acre from 2023. Silage production was estimated at 108,000 tons, down 45,000 tons from 2023.

Maple syrup number of taps in 2024 was 70,000, up from 69,000 taps in 2023. Yield per tap was 0.171 gallon, up from 0.159 gallon in 2023. Production totaled 12,000 gallons in 2024, up from 11,000 gallons in 2023. Comparison data for 2023 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 648,000 acres in 2024, down 6,000 acres from 2023. Area harvested totaled 642,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from 2023. Principal crops include acres planted to corn and acres harvested for all hay.

UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 1.97 billion bushels, up 9%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.35 billion bushels, up 9%.
- 2025 Winter Wheat seedings - 34.1 million acres, up 2% from 2024.
- 2024 Alfalfa seedings - 1.85 million acres, up 6% from 2023.
- Alfalfa hay production - 49.8 million tons, up slightly.
- All other hay production - 72.6 million tons, up 6%.
- All hay production - 122.5 million tons, up 3%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 90.6 million acres, down 4%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 82.9 million acres, down 4%.
- Corn for grain production - 14.9 billion bushels, down 3%.
- Corn for grain yield - 179.3 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.10 million acres, down 6%.
- Corn for silage production - 123.1 million tons, down 5%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 4.37 billion bushels, up 5%.
- Soybean yield - 50.7 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel per acre.
- All tobacco production - 325.2 million pounds, down 18% in comparable States.
- Oats production - 67.8 million bushels, up 23% in comparable States.
- Maple syrup production - 5.86 million gallons, up 17% for comparable States.
- Area planted to principal crops - 311.2 million acres, down 3%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 293.8 million acres, down slightly.

U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

- Hay stocks on-farms - 81.5 million tons, up 6%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.66 billion bushels, down 2%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.41 billion bushels, up 2%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 467.0 billion bushels, up 16%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.10 billion bushels, up 8%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.54 billion bushels, up 6%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.56 billion bushels, up 1%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 24.9 million bushels, up 3%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 26.7 million bushels, down 30%.