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### Virginia Crop Production Forecasts Are Mixed

**Corn** production in **Virginia** was forecast at 62.4 million bushels, up 10% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 156 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from the 2022 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 400,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from 2022. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 10% from 2022. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 175.1 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from 2022. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.3 million acres, up 9% from 2022.

**Soybean** production for **Virginia** is forecast at 22.4 million bushels, decreased 10% from 2022. Yield was estimated at 40.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.21 billion bushels, down 2% from last year. Yields are expected to average 50.9 bushels per acre, up 1.4 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.7 million acres, down 4% from 2022.

**Virginia** farmers expect to harvest 11.1 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2023. The expected crop for 2023 would be up 9% from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 74.0 bushels per acre, up 6.0 bushels from 2022. Farmers expect to harvest 150,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.23 billion bushels, up 11% from 2022. The United States yield is forecast at 48.1 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 25.5 million acres, up 9% from last year.

**Barley** producers in **Virginia** forecast harvesting 528,000 bushels for 2023, down 12% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested for grain total 6,000 acres, down 1,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 88.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushel from 2022. **U. S.** production is expected to total 180.0 million bushels, up 3% from last year. Acres harvested is forecast at 2.40 million acres, down 1% from last year. Growers nationwide anticipate a yield of 75.1 bushels per acre, up 3.4 bushels from 2022.

**Virginia cotton** production is projected to be 175,000 bales, down 17% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,000 pounds per acre, down 131 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 84,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from 2022. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 14.0 million bales, down 3% from 2022. Yields are forecast to average 779 pounds per acre, down 171 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8.62 million acres, up 18% from the previous year.

**Peanut** farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 141 million pounds for 2023, up 12% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 30,000 acres, up 2,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,700 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from 2022. **U.S.** peanut production was forecast at 6.22 billion pounds, up 12% from 2022. Yields are forecast to average 4,047 pounds per acre, up 28 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.54 billion acres, up 11% from the previous year.

**Virginia flue-cured tobacco** production was forecast at 30.7 million pounds, up 6% from 2022. Yield was projected at 2,400 pounds per acre, unchanged from the 2022 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,800 acres, up 700 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** tobacco production was forecast at 305 million pounds, up 1% from last year.

Tobacco growers plan to harvest 138,000 acres, down 1% from 2022. Yields were expected to average 2,210 pounds per acre, up 47 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 220,000 pounds, down 33% from the previous year. **Virginia burley** tobacco production was forecast at 420,000 pounds, down 16% from last year.

**Virginia alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 102,000 tons, 6% above the 2022 level. **Virginia other hay** production was estimated at 2.51 million tons, up 19% from last year.