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September 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** is forecast at 55.9 million bushels, down 10% from the August forecast and down 6% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 162 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and the 2021 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 345,000 acres, down 25,000 acres from 2021. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 13.9 billion bushels, down 3% from the August forecast and down 8% from 2021. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 172.5 bushels per acre, down 2.9 bushels from last month and down 4.5 bushels from 2021. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.8 million acres, down 1% from the August forecast and down 5% from 2021.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 26.8 million bushels, down 15% from the August forecast and down 1% from 2021. Yield was estimated at 44 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from last month and down 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 610,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.38 billion bushels, down 3% from the August forecast and down 1% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 50.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and down 0.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.6 million acres, down 1% from the August forecast and up slightly from 2021.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 192,000 bales, up 12% from the August forecast and up 12% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,036 pounds per acre, down 9 pounds from last month and down 73 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 89,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from the August forecast and up 15,000 acres from 2021. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 13.8 million bales, up 10% from the August forecast but down 21% from 2021. Yields are forecast to average 843 pounds per acre, down 3 pounds from last month but up 24 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 7.88 million acres, up 11% from the August forecast and down 23% from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 132 million pounds for 2022, down 7% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 28,000 acres, down 2,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,700 pounds per acre, unchanged pounds from 2021.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production is forecast at 27.5 million pounds, down 2% from the August forecast and down 18% from 2021. Yield was projected at 2,200 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from last month but down 100 pounds from the 2021 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,500 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **flue-cured producing states** production is forecast at 292 million pounds, down 3% from the August forecast and down 7% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 144,500 acres, down 4% from 2021. Yields were expected to average 2,021 pounds per acre, down 67 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 345,000 pounds down 3% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is forecast at 500,000 pounds down 34% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022 ²	2021	2022		2021	2022
						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	40	7	11	75.0	77.0	--	525	847
Corn ³	520	480	370	345	160.0	160.0	162.0	59,200	55,890
Soybeans ³	600	620	590	610	46.0	47.0	44.0	27,140	26,840
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	205	250	120	170	67.0	66.0	--	8,040	11,220
	<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	75	90	74	89	1,109	1,045	1,036	171	192
Peanuts	30	29	30	28	4,700	4,700	4,700	141,000	131,600
	<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	--	--	15,030	12,900	2,293	2,003	2,197	34,463	28,345
Burley	--	--	360	250	2,100	1,900	2,000	756	500
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	170	150	2,100	2,300	2,300	357	345
Flue-Cured	--	--	14,500	12,500	2,300	2,000	2,200	33,350	27,500
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	2,660	3,026	1,948	2,380	60.4	66.3	--	117,673	157,848
Corn ³	93,357	88,608	85,388	80,844	177.0	175.4	172.5	15,115,170	13,943,913
Soybeans ³	87,195	87,455	86,332	86,631	51.4	51.9	50.5	4,435,232	4,378,194
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	33,648	34,006	25,464	25,002	50.2	47.9	--	1,277,365	1,197,650
	<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	11,216	13,791	10,272	7,876	819	846	843	17,523	13,832
Peanuts	1,585	1,459	1,545	1,411	4,135	4,129	4,145	6,389,300	5,849,700
	<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	--	--	218,930	210,700	2,183	2,058	2,100	477,973	442,480
Burley	--	--	41,010	35,850	2,055	1,794	1,873	84,256	67,150
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	14,870	16,350	3,235	3,034	3,076	48,102	50,295
Flue-Cured	--	--	150,100	144,500	2,088	1,995	2,021	313,430	292,100

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.