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**September 1 Virginia Crop Production Forecast**

**Corn** production in **Virginia** is forecast at 49.5 million bushels, unchanged from the August forecast and down 10% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 132 bushels per acre, unchanged bushels from last month and down 12.0 bushels from the 2019 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 375,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2019. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 14.9 billion bushels, down 2% from the August forecast and up 9% from 2019. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 178.5 bushels per acre, down 3.3 bushels from last month and up 11.1 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.5 million acres, down 1% from the August forecast and up 3% from 2019.

**Soybean** production for **Virginia** is forecast at 21.8 million bushels, up 5% from the August forecast and up 15% from 2019. Yield was estimated at 39 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month and up 5.0 bushels from a year ago. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 560,000 acres, unchanged acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 4.31 billion bushels, down 3% from the August forecast and up 21% from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.9 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month and up 4.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.0 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up 11% from 2019.

**Virginia cotton** production is projected to be 160,000 bales, down 11% from the August forecast and down 34% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 972 pounds per acre, up 53 pounds from last month and down 172 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 79,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from the August forecast and down 23,000 acres from 2019. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 17.1 million bales, down 6 % from the August forecast and down 14% from 2019. Yields are forecast to average 910 pounds per acre, down 28 pounds from last month and up 87 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.01 million acres, down 3% from the August forecast and down 22% from the previous year.

**Peanut** farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 116 million pounds for 2020, up 5% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 27,000 acres, up 3,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,300 pounds per acre, down 300 pounds from 2019.

**Virginia flue-cured tobacco** production is forecast at 26.4 million pounds, down 10% from the August forecast and down 7% from 2019. Yield was projected at 2,200 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last month and up 300 pounds from the 2019 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year's crop. For the **flue-cured producing states** production is forecast at 225 million pounds, up slightly from the August forecast and down 24 % from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 127,200 acres, down 15% from 2019. Yields were expected to average 1,772 pounds per acre, down 218 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 475,000 pounds down 18% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production is forecast at 680,000 pounds down 49% from last year.

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| **CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1**  **VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES** | | | | | | | | | |
| Crops | Area Planted 1 | | Area Harvested | | Yield Per Acre | | | Production | |
| 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 2 | 2019 | 2020 | | 2019 | 2020 |
| Aug 1 1 | Sep 1 2 |
| **VIRGINIA** | | | | | | | | |
|  | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(bushels)* | *(bushels)* | *(bushels)* | *(1,000 bushels)* | *(1,000 bushels)* |
| Barley34  Corn3  Soybeans3  Wheat, Winter34 | 30  540  570  180 | 31  520  570  235 | 7  380  560  105 | 9  375  560  165 | 65.0  144.0  34.0  62.0 | 68.0  132.0  37.0  61.0 | --  132.0  39.0  -- | 455  54,720  19,040  6,510 | 612  49,500  21,840  10,065 |
|  | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* |
| Cotton5  Peanuts | 103  25 | 80  28 | 102  24 | 79  27 | 1,144  4,600 | 919  4,000 | 972  4,300 | 243  110,400 | 160  116,100 |
|  | *(acres)* | *(acres)* | *(acres)* | *(acres)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* |
| Tobacco:  All  Burley  Dark Fire-Cured  Flue-Cured | --  --  --  -- | --  --  --  -- | 16,020  700  320  15,000 | 12,650  400  250  12,000 | 1,898  1,900  1,800  1,900 | 2,088  1,800  1,900  2,100 | 2,178  1,700  1,900  2,200 | 30,406  1,330  576  28,500 | 27,555  680  475  26,400 |
|  | **UNITED STATES** | | | | | | | | |
|  | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(bushels)* | *(bushels)* | *(bushels)* | *(1,000 bushels)* | *(1,000 bushels)* |
| Barley34  Corn3  Soybeans3  Wheat, Winter34 | 2,721  89,700  76,100  31,159 | 2,797  92,006  83,825  30,550 | 2,182  81,322  74,951  24,327 | 2,232  83,473  83,020  23,439 | 77.7  167.4  47.4  53.6 | 78.8  181.8  53.3  51.1 | --  178.5  51.9  -- | 169,566  13,617,261  3,552,241  1,304,003 | 175,917  14,899,557  4,312,819  1,198,362 |
|  | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(1,000 acres)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* |
| Cotton5  Peanuts | 13,736  1,428 | 12,116  1,665 | 11,613  1,392 | 9,005  1,623 | 823  3,949 | 938  4,218 | 910  4,185 | 19,913  5,496,087 | 17,064  6,793,220 |
|  | *(acres)* | *(acres)* | *(acres)* | *(acres)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* | *(1,000 pounds)* |
| Tobacco:  All  Burley  Dark Fire-Cured  Flue-Cured | --  --  --  -- | --  --  --  -- | 227,120  48,600  16,120  149,300 | 195,750  41,800  13,950  127,200 | 2,060  1,910  2,839  1,990 | 1,892  1,779  2,960  1,763 | 1,880  1,717  2,903  1,772 | 467,956  92,830  45,766  297,170 | 368,065  71,765  40,490  225,360 |
| 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. | | | | | | | | | |