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October 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 55.8 million bushels, up 2% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 136.0 bushels per acre, down 8.0 bushels from the 2019 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 410,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2019. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 14.7 billion bushels, up 8% from 2019. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 178.4 bushels per acre, up 10.9 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, down 1% from the September forecast but up 1% from 2019.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 23.0 million bushels, increased 21% from 2019. Yield was estimated at 41.0 bushels per acre, up 7.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.27 billion bushels, up 20% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.9 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 82.3 million acres, down 1% from September but up 10% from 2019.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 160,000 bales, down 34% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 972 pounds per acre, down 172 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 79,000 acres, down 23,000 acres from 2019. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 17.0 million bales, down 14% from 2019. Yields are forecast to average 909 pounds per acre, up 86 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.01 million acres, down 22% from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 113 million pounds for 2020, up 2% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 27,000 acres, up 3,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,200 pounds per acre, down 450 pounds from 2019.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production was forecast at 25.2 million pounds, down 12% from 2019. Yield was projected at 2,100 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from the 2019 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** production was forecast at 235 million pounds, down 21% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 127,200 acres, down 15% from 2019. Yields were expected to average 1,847 pounds per acre, down 143 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 450,000 pounds, down 22% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production was forecast at 640,000 pounds, down 52% from last year.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 136,000 tons, 1% above the 2019 level. **Other hay** production was estimated at 2.66 million tons, up 10% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020 ²	2019	2020		2019	2020
						Sep 1 ²	Oct 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>
Corn ³	540	570	380	410	144.0	132.0	136.0	54,720	55,760
Soybeans ³	570	570	560	560	34.0	39.0	41.0	19,040	22,960
	<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 bales)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>
Cotton ⁵	103	80	102	79	1,144	972	972	243	160
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	1,145	1,170	2.23	--	2.39	2,555	2,792
Alfalfa	--	--	45	40	3.00	--	3.40	135	136
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,130	2.20	--	2.35	2,420	2,656
	<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>
Peanuts	25,000	28,000	24,000	27,000	4,650	4,300	4,200	111,600	113,400
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	16,020	12,650	1,898	2,178	2,078	30,406	26,290
Burley	--	--	700	400	1,900	1,700	1,600	1,330	640
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	320	250	1,800	1,900	1,800	576	450
Flue Cured	--	--	15,000	12,000	1,900	2,200	2,100	28,500	25,200
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>
Corn ³	89,745	90,978	81,337	82,527	167.5	178.5	178.4	13,619,928	14,721,705
Soybeans ³	76,100	83,105	74,939	82,289	47.4	51.9	51.9	3,551,908	4,267,890
	<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 bales)</i>	<i>(1,000 bales)</i>
Cotton ⁵	13,736	12,116	11,613	9,005	823	910	909	19,913	17,045
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:									
All	--	--	52,425	52,381	2.46	--	2.44	128,864	127,678
Alfalfa	--	--	16,743	16,352	3.28	--	3.22	54,875	52,625
Other, All	--	--	35,682	36,029	2.07	--	2.08	73,989	75,053
	<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>
Peanuts	1,433	1,665	1,390	1,623	3,934	4,185	4,125	5,466,487	6,695,620
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	227,120	195,450	2,060	1,880	1,983	467,956	387,585
Burley	--	--	48,600	41,700	1,910	1,717	1,911	92,830	79,675
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,120	13,950	2,839	2,903	2,978	45,766	41,550
Flue Cured	--	--	149,300	127,200	1,990	1,772	1,847	297,170	234,960

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.