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October 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 60.5 million bushels, up 18% from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 155.0 bushels per acre, up 33.0 bushels from the 2020 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 390,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from 2020. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 15.0 billion bushels, up 6% from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 176.5 bushels per acre, up 5.1 bushels from 2020. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 85.1 million acres, unchanged from the September forecast but up 3% from 2020.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 26.0 million bushels, increased 10% from 2020. Yield was estimated at 44.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 4.45 billion bushels, up 5% from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 51.5 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 86.4 million acres, down slightly from September but up 5% from 2020.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 160,000 bales, up 26% from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,052 pounds per acre, up 280 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 73,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from 2020. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 18.0 million bales, up 23% from 2020. Yields are forecast to average 871 pounds per acre, up 24 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.92 million acres, up 20% from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 133 million pounds for 2021, up 19% from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 29,000 acres, up 2,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,600 pounds per acre, up 450 pounds from 2020.

Virginia flue-cured tobacco production was forecast at 31.5 million pounds, up 19% from 2020. Yield was projected at 2,100 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the 2020 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 15,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from last year's crop. **U.S. flue-cured** production was forecast at 303 million pounds, up 28% from last year. Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 150,600 acres, up 18% from 2020. Yields were expected to average 2,015 pounds per acre, up 157 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 500,000 pounds, up 5% from the previous year. **Burley** tobacco production was forecast at 612,000 pounds, down 10% from last year.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 118,000 tons, 6% below the 2020 level. **Other hay** production was estimated at 2.42 million tons, down 7% from last year.

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

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021 ²	2020	2021		2020	2021
						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	560	540	420	390	122.0	149.0	155.0	51,240	60,450
Soybeans ³	570	600	560	590	42.0	44.0	44.0	23,520	25,960
	<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	80	74	79	73	772	1,118	1,052	127	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	--	--	1,135	1,188	2.39	--	2.13	2,711	2,533
Alfalfa	--	--	35	38	3.60	--	3.10	126	118
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,150	2.35	--	2.10	2,585	2,415
	<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	28,000	30,000	27,000	29,000	4,150	4,600	4,600	112,050	133,400
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	12,650	15,610	2,178	1,993	2,089	27,555	32,612
Burley	--	--	400	360	1,700	1,700	1,700	680	612
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	250	250	1,900	2,000	2,000	475	500
Flue Cured	--	--	12,000	15,000	2,200	2,000	2,100	26,400	31,500
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>
Corn ³	90,652	93,304	82,313	85,085	171.4	176.3	176.5	14,111,449	15,018,542
Soybeans ³	83,354	87,235	82,603	86,436	51.0	50.6	51.5	4,216,302	4,448,043
	<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	12,092	11,191	8,275	9,922	847	895	871	14,608	18,004
	<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	--	--	52,238	51,537	2.43	--	2.34	126,812	120,482
Alfalfa	--	--	16,230	16,123	3.27	--	2.99	53,067	48,156
Other, All	--	--	36,008	35,414	2.05	--	2.04	73,745	72,326
	<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	1,663	1,580	1,615	1,533	3,813	4,141	4,105	6,158,350	6,292,250
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	198,060	221,200	1,966	2,102	2,097	389,413	463,835
Burley	--	--	43,310	42,450	1,956	2,006	1,915	84,697	81,275
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	14,350	15,050	2,631	3,157	3,272	37,755	49,250
Flue Cured	--	--	127,900	150,600	1,858	2,000	2,015	237,676	303,460

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.