

# prospective plantings



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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1975--35 STATES\*

Expected Planted Acreage and change from 1974.

Corn--76.1 million acres, down 0.4 percent.

Sorghum--19.4 million acres, up 10 percent.

Oats--17.3 million acres, down 4 percent.

Barley--9.4 million acres, 8 percent more.

Soybeans--57.1 million acres, up 8 percent.

Upland cotton--9.5 million acres, down 32 percent.

Flaxseed--1.83 million acres, up 5 percent.

Durum wheat--4.5 million acres, 10 percent greater.

Other spring wheat--14.0 million acres, down 4 percent.

Rice--2.5 million acres, down 3 percent.

Sugarbeets--1.4 million acres, an increase of 22 percent.

\*The comparisons with a year earlier represent totals only for the 35 States included in the special January 1 survey of grower intentions. The 1974 planted acreage in these States accounted for all of the sorghum, durum wheat, flaxseed, and rice acreage; 99 percent of the Upland cotton, soybeans, and spring wheat other than durum; over 98 percent of the corn and oats; over 95 percent of the barley acreage; and over 94 percent of the sugarbeet acreage.

## January 1975 Prospective Plantings Report

This special survey was made to obtain early information on farmers' plans to plant certain crops for harvest in 1975. The purpose of this report, published well in advance of actual spring seeding, is to assist producers and program planners in their plans for 1975.

The survey covered 35 States. Excluded were Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Intended acreage estimates published in this report include corn, Upland cotton, soybeans, spring wheat, oats, barley, all sorghums, flaxseed, rice and sugarbeets. A report on winter wheat and rye seedings for harvest in 1975 was released December 23, 1974.

Intentions reported this early may be subject to greater departures from actual plantings than the regular Intentions Report issued by the Crop Reporting Board in mid-March. Acreages actually planted may change from these intentions because of weather, economic conditions, labor supply and the impact of this report itself on farmers' actions.

The 1975 March Prospective Plantings report, which includes 48 States, will be released at 3 p.m., ET, March 17, 1975.

The CROP PRODUCTION report contains State and National estimates with related information on selected agricultural commodities. These data were prepared and adopted by the Crop Reporting Board which consists of commodity statisticians from the Statistical Reporting Service's field offices and Washington headquarters.

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## INTENDED FEED GRAIN PLANTINGS UP 1 PERCENT

Prospective plantings of the four feed grains are 122 million acres in the 35 States surveyed up 1 percent (1.4 million acres) from 1974 and 2 percent larger than 1973 acreage. These States accounted for 98.5 percent of the Nation's feed grain plantings last year.

Intended plantings are up 10 percent for sorghum and 8 percent for barley. Corn acreage is expected to be down slightly and oats acreage is expected to be down 4 percent.

CORN: Growers in 35 States intend to plant 76.1 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1975, less than 1 percent below the acreage planted last year but 8 percent above 1973. The States surveyed accounted for 98 percent of the Nation's corn acreage planted in 1974.

Intended plantings in the North Central region are down 2 percent from a year earlier while the other four Regions showed increases as follows: South Central, 7 percent; North Atlantic, 3 percent; South Atlantic, 4 percent; and Western 5 percent.

SORGHUM: Growers intend to plant 19.4 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1975, up 10 percent from 1974 and 1 percent above 1973 seedings. All States included in official U.S. sorghum estimates were surveyed for this report.

The Texas acreage, which accounts for about 46 percent of the national total, is expected to be 20 percent more than 1974. Other major States expecting increases are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Missouri, New Mexico and South Dakota. Major States showing a decline are Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

OATS: Acreage of fall seeded oats plus intended spring plantings in the States surveyed is expected to total 17.3 million acres, 4 percent below 1974 and 9 percent less than 1973. The States surveyed accounted for nearly 99 percent of the Nation's planted acreage of oats in 1974.

Of the major oat States with more than 1 million acres, North Dakota was the only State expected to show an increase over the previous year while Texas growers are expecting to plant 28 percent less oats in 1975.

**BARLEY:** Acreage of fall seeded barley plus intended plantings this spring in the States surveyed totals 9.4 million acres. This total is 8 percent or 692,000 acres more than last year. The 30 barley producing States surveyed accounted for nearly 96 percent of the nation's barley acreage in 1974.

Fifteen of the thirty States show an increase in acreage, seven indicate the same acreage, and eight States expect a decline in acreage. The four leading States - North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and California - indicate the following respective intended changes: 15 percent increase, 7 percent decrease 39 percent increase and 7 percent increase. These four States account for nearly 65 percent of the barley acreage in the 30 States surveyed.

**WHEAT:** The prospective planted acreage of durum wheat totals 4.5 million acres, an increase of 10 percent from the 1974 acreage of 4.1 million. This survey included all of the durum producing States. In North Dakota, the leading durum producing State, growers expect to plant 3.8 million acres, an increase of 8 percent. Increases are also expected in all other producing States, ranging from 7 percent in South Dakota to 45 percent in Minnesota.

Planted acreage of spring wheat other than durum in the nine States surveyed, is expected to total 14.0 million acres, down 4 percent from 1974. The nine spring wheat States accounted for 99 percent of the 1974 average. North Dakota, with more than 40 percent of the expected 1975 acreage, indicates a 7 percent drop in planted acres while Idaho and Wisconsin expect about the same acreage as last year. Minnesota and South Dakota both anticipate a 5 percent increase. All other States surveyed expect a decline in acreage ranging from 7 to 21 percent.

**SOYBEANS:** Growers in the 27 soybean producing States surveyed intend to plant 57.1 million acres of soybeans in 1975. If intentions are realized, this will be an increase of 8 percent over last year's 53.0 million acres in these same 27 States. The States surveyed accounted for 99 percent of the nation's 1974 planted acres.

Plantings in the North Central States are expected to increase about 2 percent. Increases in acreage are indicated for North Central States except Minnesota, Indiana, and Illinois which expect no change or slight declines.

In the South Atlantic States, growers plan an increase of 17 percent over a year earlier. Increases range from three percent in Maryland to 46 percent in Georgia.

A major increase of 21 percent is expected in the South Central States. All States in this region are showing moderate to sharp increases.

FLAXSEED: Growers in the 5 flaxseed producing States intend to plant 1,834,000 acres in 1975, 5 percent above 1974 and 1973. Minnesota and North Dakota, show increases of 21 and 2 percent, respectively, over 1974 while South Dakota indicates an 8 percent decline. All States for which flaxseed estimates are prepared were included in the survey.

COTTON: Growers in the 14 major cotton producing States intend to plant 9.5 million acres of Upland cotton in 1975. If realized, this acreage will be 32 percent below the 13.9 million acres planted in 1974 and the lowest since 1967.

Texas and Oklahoma Upland cotton growers intend to plant 4.5 million acres, 23 percent less than the 5.9 million acres planted in 1974.

In the Delta States -- Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee -- growers expect to plant 2.9 million acres, down 38 percent from 1974 plantings.

Growers in Arizona, California, and New Mexico intend to plant 1.3 million acres of Upland cotton. If realized, this would be 28 percent less than was planted in 1974.

In the Southeast -- Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina -- expected plantings totaled 785,000 acres, down 48 percent from 1974 plantings.

RICE: Intended rice plantings for 1975 were reported at 2.52 million acres, 3 percent below the 1974 acreage but 16 percent above the 1973 level. All States for which rice estimates are made were included in the survey. It should be noted that the survey on which these estimates were based was already underway by December 31, 1974 when U.S.D.A. announced the 1975 Rice Program. Therefore, these estimates do not completely reflect growers' evaluation of the 1975 program.

The December 31 announcement lifted Rice Marketing Quotas for the second consecutive year and placed the 1975 national allotment at 1,802,916 acres, down from 2,100,000 acres in 1974. The Preliminary average loan and purchase rate was set at \$8.06 per hundredweight (rough rice) but, unlike last year, producers must comply with acreage allotments on their own farms and on all farms in which they have an interest to be eligible for loans.

SUGARBEETS: Grower intentions in the 14 States surveyed point to 1,438,000 acres of sugarbeets planted in 1975, up 22 percent from the 1,181,000 acres planted in these States last year and 19 percent above 1973. These States accounted for 94 percent of the total planted acreage in 1974.

All of the 14 States except North Dakota anticipate a larger acreage. Growers in North Dakota indicate holding acreage at last year's level which was up sharply from 1973. California, the largest producing State, expects a 37 percent increase in acreage. Producers in Idaho where acreage declined last year intend to plant 70 percent more acreage in 1975. Intentions in Colorado and Minnesota reflect a 5 and 18 percent increase, respectively.

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## ALL CORN

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
		1,000 ACRES		PERCENT
ALA	694	715	740	103
ARIZ	23	21	22	105
ARK	34	36	50	139
CALIF	412	416	470	113
COLO	763	760	775	102
GA	1,840	2,000	2,120	106
IDAHO	110	100	100	100
ILL	9,830	10,520	10,900	104
IND	5,400	5,760	5,650	98
IOWA	11,970	12,920	13,000	101
KANS	1,900	2,260	1,900	84
KY	1,160	1,290	1,340	104
LA	85	95	95	100
MD	600	630	650	103
MICH	2,100	2,310	2,350	102
MINN	6,200	6,940	6,730	97
MISS	200	205	210	102
MO	2,800	3,110	3,000	96
MONT	92	99	84	85
NEBR	6,480	6,800	6,600	97
N MEX	60	70	77	110
N Y	1,000	1,100	1,150	105
N C	1,550	1,720	1,740	101
N DAK	544	533	538	101
OHIO	3,300	3,950	3,700	94
OKLA	128	124	124	100
OREG	43	42	47	112
PA	1,490	1,530	1,550	101
S C	500	600	635	106
S DAK	3,870	3,800	3,580	94
TENN	720	760	805	106
TEX	750	900	1,050	117
VA	734	750	755	101
WASH	112	95	105	111
WIS	3,200	3,490	3,490	100
TOTAL 35 STATES	70,694	76,451	76,132	99.6
OTHER STATES	1,218	1,295		
U S	71,912	77,746		

## ALL SORGHUM

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	65	70	75	107
ARIZ	150	160	210	131
ARK	189	175	210	120
CALIF	312	234	292	125
COLO	480	480	470	98
GA	60	65	67	103
ILL	77	120	95	79
IND	40	31	24	77
IOWA	36	34	45	132
KANS	4,650	4,100	3,900	95
KY	30	42	42	100
LA	40	42	46	110
MISS	85	85	100	118
MO	500	520	750	144
NEBR	2,220	2,220	2,170	98
N MEX	403	343	428	125
N C	110	100	100	100
OKLA	1,160	930	865	93
S C	31	32	32	100
S DAK	400	370	430	116
TENN	62	52	55	106
TEX	8,100	7,500	9,000	120
VA	31	28	28	100
U S	19,231	17,733	19,434	109.6

## OATS 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	84	100	90	90
ARK	110	110	80	73
CALIF	366	344	350	102
COLO	130	136	115	85
GA	198	230	260	113
IDAHO	81	81	85	105
ILL	550	540	560	104
IND	359	275	275	100
IOWA	1,850	1,900	1,900	100
KANS	140	300	300	100
KY	50	42	35	83
LA	24	24	20	83
MD	31	31	28	90
MICH	350	370	385	104
MINN	2,690	2,150	2,090	97
MISS	70	80	100	125
MO	90	250	220	88
MONT	510	420	380	90
NEBR	545	690	750	109
N Y	370	390	390	100
N C	160	170	165	97
N DAK	2,120	1,670	1,750	105
OHIO	600	530	480	91
OKLA	350	320	310	97
OREG	140	125	115	92
PA	405	420	405	96
S C	150	160	190	119
S DAK	2,480	2,430	2,400	99
TENN	120	123	120	98
TEX.	2,100	1,800	1,300	72
VA	90	85	84	99
WASH	112	125	110	88
WIS	1,500	1,470	1,410	96
TOTAL 33 STATES	18,925	17,891	17,252	96.4
OTHER STATES	222	209		
U S	19,147	18,100		

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

BARLEY 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
		1,000 ACRES		PERCENT
ARIZ	145	120	150	125
CALIF	1,070	1,020	1,090	107
COLO	289	262	262	100
GA	15	12	13	108
IDAHO	335	720	735	102
ILL	18	18	18	100
IND	13	13	13	100
KANS	90	60	60	100
KY	67	60	50	83
MD	110	110	112	102
MICH	24	21	21	100
MINN	903	804	1,120	139
MO	17	16	10	63
MONT	2,100	1,400	1,300	93
NEBR	34	33	35	106
N MEX	35	28	36	129
N Y	13	13	13	100
N C	74	70	65	93
N DAK	2,860	2,200	2,530	115
OHIO	15	15	14	93
OKLA	270	150	100	67
OREG	270	225	230	102
PA	172	170	170	100
S C	29	30	28	93
S DAK	671	560	590	105
TENN	29	28	23	82
TEX.	150	90	100	111
VA	117	125	129	103
WASH	380	335	380	113
WIS	22	20	23	115
TOTAL 30 STATES	10,837	8,728	9,420	107.9
OTHER STATES	392	389		
U S	11,229	9,117		

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL

SPRING WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
COLO	24	36	30	83
IDAHO	300	490	490	100
MINN	1,960	2,730	2,870	105
MONT	1,850	2,000	1,750	88
N DAK	6,270	6,580	6,120	93
OREG	80	158	125	79
S DAK	1,610	2,100	2,200	105
WASH	615	480	400	83
WISC	12	22	22	100
TOTAL 9 STATES	12,721	14,596	14,007	96.0
OTHER STATES	73	92		
U S	12,794	14,688		

DURUM WHEAT

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
CALIF	2	3	4	133
MINN	60	86	125	145
MONT	185	270	330	122
N DAK	2,590	3,500	3,780	108
S DAK	115	215	230	107
U S	2,952	4,074	4,469	109.7

FLAXSEED 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
MINN	235	280	340	121
MONT	15	23	20	87
N DAK	963	876	894	102
S DAK	520	520	480	92
TEX	9	40	100	250
U S	1,742	1,739	1,834	105.5

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

SOYBEANS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	1,000	1,050	1,300	124
ARK	4,700	4,400	5,000	114
GA	970	1,030	1,500	146
ILL	9,000	8,600	8,400	98
IND	4,310	3,960	3,920	99
IOWA	7,800	7,200	7,400	103
KANS	1,240	1,070	1,100	103
KY	1,180	1,200	1,280	107
LA	1,620	1,800	2,300	128
MD	278	278	285	103
MICH	700	640	670	105
MINN	4,420	4,080	4,080	100
MISS	2,830	2,630	3,450	131
MO	4,800	4,450	4,650	104
NEBR	1,230	1,210	1,350	112
N Y	11	11	11	100
N C	1,500	1,475	1,620	110
N DAK	220	182	200	110
OHIO	3,620	3,230	3,350	104
OKLA	210	230	255	111
PA	58	47	55	117
S C	1,300	1,290	1,410	109
S DAK	400	396	420	106
TENN	1,640	1,620	1,990	123
TEX	450	275	400	145
VA	430	447	470	105
WIS	246	230	240	104
TOTAL 27 STATES	56,163	53,031	57,106	107.7
OTHER STATES	512	549		
U S	56,675	53,580		

UPLAND COTTON

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	525	605	370	61
ARIZ	276	392	280	71
ARK	1,045	1,280	700	55
CALIF	950	1,250	900	72
GA	386	423	180	43
LA	530	640	380	59
MISS	1,370	1,825	1,200	66
MO	241	430	250	58
N MEX	131	148	105	71
N C	186	158	85	54
OKLA	547	570	400	70
S C	330	320	150	47
TENN	460	535	400	75
TEX	5,400	5,300	4,100	77
TOTAL 14 STATES	12,377	13,876	9,500	68
OTHER STATES	18.1	21.3		
UNITED STATES-UPLAND	12,395.1	13,897.3		

RICE

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARK	534.0	750.0	700.0	93
CALIF	403.0	470.0	445.0	95
LA	624.0	674.0	670.0	99
MISS	62.0	114.0	125.0	110
MO	5.3	15.0	15.0	100
TEX	553.0	565.0	565.0	100
U S	2,181.3	2,588.0	2,520.0	97.4

SUGARBEETS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1974
	1973	1974	INDICATED 1975	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARIZ 1/	14.4	11.1	18.0	162
CALIF 1/	280.1	237.0	325.0	137
COLO	122.8	128.8	135.0	105
IDAHO	154.9	93.5	159.0	170
KANS	34.8	35.6	39.0	110
MICH	89.1	82.4	89.0	108
MINN	132.1	190.0	224.0	118
MONT	45.9	44.7	45.0	101
NEBR	79.4	82.9	95.0	115
N DAK	80.1	142.0	142.0	100
OHIO	31.1	33.5	38.0	113
OREG	19.3	11.8	16.0	136
TEX	23.3	22.6	38.0	168
WASH	96.9	65.1	75.0	115
TOTAL 14 STATES	1,204.2	1,181.0	1,438.0	121.8
OTHER STATES	75.9	73.1		
U S	1,280.1	1,254.1		

1/ RELATES TO YEAR OF HARVEST. INCLUDES SOME ACREAGE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING SPRING.



