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HIGHLIGHTS

- Expected 1976 planted acreage and change from 1975.
- Corn--80.8 million acres, up 4 percent.
- Sorghum--18.6 million acres, up 2 percent.
- Oats--17.1 million acres, down 1 percent.
- Barley--9.5 million acres, virtually unchanged.
- Soybeans--50.9 million acres, down 7 percent.
- Upland cotton--11.2 million acres, up 17 percent.
- Flaxseed--1.36 million acres, down 16 percent.
- Durum wheat--5.2 million acres, 8 percent greater.
- Other spring wheat--14.8 million acres, up 5 percent.
- Sugarbeets--1.59 million acres, down slightly.

JANUARY 1976 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS REPORT

This report, prepared by the Crop Reporting Board of the Statistical Reporting Service, is based on the voluntary responses of growers to a mail survey about January 1. Each grower reported planting intentions for his own farm operation. The report is intended to assist growers in making such decisions as they see desirable pertaining to their acreage plans. The published acreage intentions are interpretations of current reported plans based on past relationships of grower reports to final planted acreage estimates. Acreages actually planted can vary from those indicated for such reasons as weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs, farm programs and the effect of this report itself on farmers' actions.

This January Prospective Plantings report has been expanded to include 48 States. In the past, January releases were limited to 35 major producing States. This report contains information on corn, sorghum, oats, barley, soybeans, Upland cotton, flaxseed, durum and other spring wheat, and sugarbeets. Rice is not included because the survey was underway at the time the 1976 USDA rice program was announced December 31.

A second Prospective Plantings report will be issued April 15, rather than in March as in other years. Survey information for the report will be gathered around April 1 which will permit producers in 48 States to report their plans just prior to the major planting period for spring crops. The April report will contain information on the same commodities reported in the March releases of prior years: corn, white corn, sorghum, oats, barley, soybeans, Upland cotton, American-Pima cotton, flaxseed, durum and other spring wheat, rice, sugarbeets, peanuts, potatoes, sweetpotatoes, dry edible beans, dry edible peas, hay and tobacco.

CROP	UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY (DOMESTIC UNITS)			(METRIC UNITS)			
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	1976 AS % OF 1975
	1,000 ACRES			1,000 HECTARES			
ALL CORN	77,787	77,902	80,822	31,480	31,526	32,708	103.7
ALL SORGHUMS	17,676	18,275	18,581	7,153	7,396	7,520	101.7
OATS	17,967	17,386	17,126	7,271	7,036	6,931	98.5
BARLEY	8,994	9,526	9,528	3,640	3,855	3,856	100.0
DURUM WHEAT	4,174	4,820	5,200	1,689	1,951	2,104	107.9
OTHER SPRING WHEAT	14,826	14,112	14,800	6,000	5,711	5,989	104.9
SOYBEANS	53,507	54,577	50,921	21,654	22,087	20,607	93.3
UPLAND COTTON	13,615.9	9,622.9	11,224.7	5,510.2	3,894.3	4,542.5	116.6
FLAXSEED	1,759	1,612	1,358	712	652	550	84.2
SUGARBEETS	1,251.5	1,590.9	1,588.9	506.5	643.8	643.0	99.9

This 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 2 Percent

Prospective plantings of the four feed grains are 126.1 million acres, up 2 percent (3.0 million acres) from 1975 and 3 percent more than 1974 acreage.

Intended plantings are up 4 percent for corn and 2 percent for sorghum. Barley acreage is expected to be virtually unchanged and oats are expected to be down 1 percent.

CORN: Growers intend to plant 80.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1976. This is 4 percent more than the 1975 and 1974 plantings. If farmers carry out their intentions, 1976 planted acreage will be the highest since 1960.

Intended plantings in the North Central region are up 3 percent from a year earlier, while the other regions show increases as follows: South Central, 8 percent; North Atlantic, 4 percent; South Atlantic, 6 percent; and Western, 2 percent.

SORGHUM: Growers intend to plant 18.6 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1976, up 2 percent from 1975 and 5 percent above 1974.

Texas acreage, which accounts for about 42 percent of the national total, is expected to be down 2 percent from 1975. Sorghum plantings for 1976 in two other principal States, Colorado and New Mexico, are expected to be below a year earlier. All other major sorghum producing States indicate increases in 1976 acres to be planted.

OATS: Acreage of fall seeded oats plus intended spring plantings is expected to total 17.1 million acres in 1976, 1 percent below 1975 and 5 percent less than 1974.

In the six States with more than 1 million acres, Iowa is expecting a 2 percent increase, Texas is indicating a 7 percent decline, while Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota expect acreage to equal a year earlier.

BARLEY: Acreage of fall seeded barley plus intended plantings this spring for the 1976 crop is 9.5 million acres. This is virtually unchanged from 1975 but 6 percent more than 1974.

Seventeen of the 36 barley States show a decrease from 1975, 9 indicate the same acreage and 10 expect an increase.

The four leading barley States--North Dakota, Minnesota, California, and Montana indicate the following respective intended changes: 8 percent increase, 2 percent increase, unchanged, and 8 percent decrease. These four States account for approximately 60 percent of the barley acreage in the United States.

WHEAT: Prospective planted acres of Durum wheat totals 5.2 million acres, an increase of 8 percent from the 1975 acreage of 4.8 million. This increase is the result of new Durum acreage in the Southwest. If these planting plans are achieved, this will be the 4th consecutive yearly increase and the largest acreage since 1929. Total acreage expected in the traditional acres of the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Montana is down slightly.

In North Dakota, the leading State, growers expect to plant 4.1 million acres, the same as last year. South Dakota growers expect to plant 8 percent more acreage, and Minnesota growers 10 percent more but Montana growers expect to plant 14 percent fewer acres.

With this report, the durum wheat estimating program is expanded to include Arizona and New Mexico where growers report 1976 crop durum acreages of 325,000 and 15,000 acres respectively. Previously, estimates of durum wheat acreage, yield and production were for Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and California. The expansion of estimates to include the Southwest recognizes the new durum production in that area which began in 1975. However, durum wheat produced in Arizona and New Mexico in 1975 was included in the winter wheat estimates for those States.

Planted acreage of spring wheat other than durum in the Nation is expected to total 14.8 million acres, 5 percent more than the 14.1 million in 1975, but about the same as in 1974. Acreage will be up in the Northern Great Plains and Montana but fewer acres will be seeded in the Pacific Northwest. North Dakota, with about 46 percent of the expected total, indicates 7 percent more than last year. Minnesota planting prospects are up 5 percent, Montana up 9 percent, and South Dakota unchanged. Washington, Oregon and Idaho indicate decreases ranging from 7 to 9 percent.

SUGARBEETS: Growers indicated on January 1 they intend to plant 1,588,900 acres of sugarbeets in 1976, slightly less than the 1,590,900 acres in 1975, and 27 percent more than was planted in 1974.

Producers in California, the largest producing State, expect plantings to be off 6 percent. Prospective acreage is off 10 percent in Washington, 6 percent in Idaho and Texas, 5 percent in Utah and 3 percent in Nebraska. Intentions in Minnesota are up 12 percent, North Dakota 11 percent, and Oregon and Arizona 6 percent.

SOYBEANS: Producers intend to plant 50.9 million acres to the 1976 soybean crop. If these intentions are realized, the 1976 acreage will be 7 percent smaller than 1975 at 54.6 million acres, and 5 percent smaller than 1974 at 53.5 million acres.

The North Central States show decreases from last year ranging from 3 percent in both Iowa and North Dakota to 25 percent in Kansas. The acreage dropping out of soybean production in the North Central States is going primarily to corn. The South Central States intend to plant 14.2 million acres, a decrease of 6 percent from last year. Texas is showing a 1 percent increase, Louisiana's acreage is the same, and other States indicate decreases from 3 to 9 percent from last year. The shift of soybean acreage in the South Central States is primarily to cotton. South Atlantic States intend to plant 5.1 million acres, a decrease of 8 percent with all States but Florida showing a decline.

UPLAND COTTON: Upland cotton growers intend to plant 11.2 million acres of Upland cotton in 1976. If realized, this acreage will be 17 percent above 1975 but 18 percent below the 13.6 million acres planted in 1974.

Texas and Oklahoma cotton growers intend to plant 5.1 million acres of Upland cotton, 9 percent above the 4.7 acres planted in 1975.

In the Delta States--Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee-- growers expect to plant 3.7 million acres, 29 percent more than 1975.

Growers in Arizona, California, and New Mexico intend to plant 1.5 million acres of Upland cotton. If realized, this would be 16 percent above 1975.

In the Southeast--Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina-- expected plantings totaled 920,000 acres, up 21 percent from 1975.

FLAXSEED: Growers in the 5 flaxseed producing States intend to plant 1,358,000 acres in 1976, 16 percent below 1975 and 23 percent below 1974. Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota show decreases from 1975 of 12, 13, 18 and 20 percent, respectively, while Texas indicates a 33 percent increase. If farmers' intentions are realized, 1976 planted acres will be the lowest level since 1972.

ALL CORN

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	715	750	800	107
ARIZ	21	22	21	95
ARK	36	50	50	100
CALIF	416	420	420	100
COLO	750	800	830	104
CONN	50	52	53	102
DEL	204	204	222	109
FLA	452	464	473	102
GA	2,000	2,020	2,100	104
IDAHO	100	103	100	97
ILL	10,400	11,000	11,600	105
IND	5,760	5,850	6,100	104
IOWA	13,100	13,100	13,400	102
KANS	2,260	1,950	2,000	103
KY	1,290	1,330	1,400	105
LA	95	80	110	138
MAINE	40	44	47	107
MD	630	645	690	107
MASS	35	36	37	103
MICH	2,310	2,300	2,400	104
MINN	6,940	7,000	7,100	101
MISS	205	195	200	103
MO	3,110	3,000	3,200	107
MONT	99	90	90	100
NEBR	6,800	6,480	6,750	104
NEV	3	3	3	100
N H	19	20	22	110
N J	127	131	136	104
N MEX	77	100	110	110
N Y	1,100	1,130	1,200	106
N C	1,720	1,700	1,850	109
N DAK	533	500	500	100
OHIO	3,950	3,750	4,000	107
OKLA	124	120	118	98
OREG	42	45	44	98
PA	1,530	1,550	1,570	101
R I	4	4	4	100
S C	600	620	695	112
S DAK	3,800	3,570	3,330	93
TENN	760	780	825	106
TEX	900	1,200	1,350	113
UTAH	95	100	105	105
VT	88	94	100	106
VA	750	745	765	103
WASH	79	80	76	95
W VA	107	104	105	101
WIS	3,490	3,500	3,650	104
WYO	71	71	71	100
U S	77,787	77,902	80,822	103.7

ALL SORGHUM

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	70	80	80	100
ARIZ	160	180	188	104
ARK	175	230	300	130
CALIF	234	230	240	104
COLO	448	510	450	88
GA	65	80	85	106
ILL	120	80	88	110
IND	31	25	26	100
IOWA	34	40	50	125
KANS	4,100	4,100	4,260	104
KY	42	36	36	100
LA	42	41	50	122
MISS	85	75	75	100
MO	520	580	640	110
NEBR	2,170	2,050	2,200	107
N MEX	343	353	340	96
N C	110	110	120	109
OKLA	930	970	1,020	105
S C	32	32	35	109
S DAK	385	395	420	106
TENN	52	51	52	102
TEX	7,500	8,000	7,800	98
VA	28	26	26	100
U S	17,676	18,275	18,581	101.7

FLAXSEED 1/

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
MINN	280	260	230	88
MONT	23	15	13	87
N DAK	886	797	650	82
S DAK	530	480	385	80
TEX	40	60	80	133
U S	1,759	1,612	1,358	84.2

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

OATS 1/

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	100	110	110	100
ARK	110	100	100	100
CALIF	344	365	380	104
COLO	115	120	115	96
FLA	33	31	34	110
GA	230	240	250	104
IDAHO	81	85	90	106
ILL	540	570	500	88
IND	275	320	260	81
IOWA	1,400	1,830	1,870	102
KANS	270	190	200	105
KY	42	42	38	90
LA	24	20	20	100
MAINE	45	49	45	92
MD	31	28	28	100
MICH	270	400	360	90
MINN	2,150	2,100	2,100	100
MISS	80	85	70	82
MO	250	180	170	94
MONT	420	400	410	103
NEBR	660	690	750	109
NEV	8	10	10	100
NJ	10	11	12	109
NY	390	405	370	91
NC	160	165	155	94
N DAK	1,670	1,500	1,500	100
OHIO	530	540	500	93
OKLA	320	270	250	93
OREG	125	140	140	100
PA	420	405	396	98
SC	160	150	160	107
S DAK	2,500	2,530	2,530	100
TENN	123	120	120	100
TEX	1,400	1,400	1,300	93
UTAH	21	22	22	100
VA	85	80	84	105
WASH	113	115	105	91
W VA	22	30	30	100
WIS	1,470	1,470	1,470	100
WYO	70	68	72	106
U S	17,967	17,386	17,126	98.5

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

BARLEY 1/

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARIZ	120	130	120	92
CALIF	1,020	1,220	1,220	100
COLO	252	280	280	100
DEL	30	31	31	100
GA	12	10	13	130
IDAHO	720	775	760	98
ILL	18	15	15	100
IND	13	12	12	100
KANS	60	60	75	125
KY	60	48	46	96
MD	110	113	110	97
MICH	21	23	22	96
MINN	304	950	970	102
MO	16	14	16	114
MONT	1,400	1,360	1,250	92
NEBR	30	38	35	92
NEV	16	16	17	106
N J	40	40	40	100
N MEX	28	36	33	92
N Y	13	13	16	123
N C	70	70	65	93
N DAK	2,110	2,130	2,300	108
OHIO	15	15	13	87
OKLA	150	110	80	73
OREG	215	200	180	90
PA	170	170	165	97
S C	30	28	28	100
S DAK	560	600	660	110
TENN	28	26	26	100
TEX	90	110	88	80
UTAH	144	144	152	106
VA	125	123	120	98
WASH	325	420	370	88
W VA	11	11	11	100
WIS	20	37	33	89
WYO	148	148	156	105
U S	8,994	9,526	9,528	100.0

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

DURUM WHEAT

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARIZ 1/			325	
CALIF	3	15	80	533
MINN	86	105	115	110
MONT	270	380	325	86
N MEX 1/			15	
N DAK	3,600	4,080	4,080	100
S DAK	215	240	260	108
U S	4,174	4,820	5,200	107.9

1/ INCLUDED IN WINTER WHEAT PRIOR TO 1976.

SPRING WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1975 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
COLO	34	23	25	109
IDAH	490	490	455	93
MINN	2,730	2,950	3,110	105
MONT	2,000	1,650	1,800	109
NEV	9	10	11	110
N DAK	6,770	6,400	6,850	107
ORFG	158	110	100	91
S DAK	2,050	2,050	2,050	100
UTAH	60	52	53	102
WASH	480	330	300	91
WIS	22	22	20	91
WYO	23	25	26	104
U S	14,426	14,112	14,800	104.9

SOYBEANS

STATE	AREA PLANTED			1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	1,050	1,350	1,300	96
ARK	4,400	4,750	4,300	91
DEL	203	207	180	87
FLA	285	305	308	101
GA	1,030	1,290	1,160	90
ILL	8,570	8,250	7,950	96
IND	3,960	3,650	3,400	93
IOWA	7,200	7,000	6,800	97
KANS	1,070	1,100	830	75
KY	1,200	1,250	1,200	96
LA	1,900	1,900	1,900	100
MD	313	323	275	85
MICH	640	615	575	93
MINN	4,040	3,620	3,330	92
MISS	2,605	3,230	3,000	93
MO	4,450	4,550	4,000	88
NEBR	1,210	1,250	1,000	80
N J	74	81	90	111
N Y	11	10	11	110
N C	1,475	1,500	1,400	93
N DAK	182	180	175	97
OHIO	3,230	3,120	2,950	95
OKLA	230	245	230	94
PA	47	45	47	104
S C	1,290	1,420	1,300	92
S DAK	370	340	290	85
TENN	1,620	1,950	1,900	97
TEX	275	395	400	101
VA	447	451	440	98
WIS	230	200	180	90
U S	53,507	54,577	50,921	93.3

UPLAND COTTON

STATE	AREA PLANTED			
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	600	440	.490	111
ARIZ	392	269	300	112
ARK	1,200	800	1,100	138
CALIF	1,250	900	1,100	122
FLA	12.5	4.5	5.0	111
GA	423	160	220	138
ILL	.8	0	.5	
KY	5.1	.6	2.5	417
LA	650	320	480	150
MISS	1,780	1,175	1,430	122
MO	370	235	300	128
NEV	1.8	1.0	.9	90
N MEX	151	100	75	75
N C	158	55	60	109
OKLA	570	370	330	89
S C	310	107	150	140
TENN	540	335	380	113
TEX	5,200	4,350	4,800	110
VA	1.7	.8	.8	100
U S	13,615.9	9,622.9	11,224.7	116.6

SUGARBEETS

STATE	AREA PLANTED			
	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976	1976 AS PERCENT OF 1975
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARIZ 1/	11.1	18.0	19.0	106
CALIF 1/	234.0	330.9	310.0	94
COLO	128.6	163.0	163.0	100
IDAHO	93.5	168.6	158.0	94
KANS	35.9	46.0	46.0	100
MICH	32.4	93.6	94.0	100
MINN	189.4	226.0	253.0	112
MONT	44.7	48.8	49.0	100
NEBR	82.5	98.0	95.0	97
N MEX	.5	.9	.9	100
N DAK	143.2	136.6	151.0	111
OHIO	33.5	39.9	40.0	100
OREG	11.8	18.0	19.0	106
TEX	22.6	37.2	35.0	94
UTAH	17.7	23.2	22.0	95
WASH	65.2	84.0	76.0	90
WYO	54.9	58.2	58.0	100
U S	1,251.5	1,590.9	1,588.9	99.9

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