

Prospective Plantings



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Corn Acreage Up 12 Percent Soybean Acreage Virtually Unchanged

Corn growers intend to plant 79.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1996, up 12 percent from last year and 1 percent above 1994.

Soybean plantings are estimated at 62.5 million acres this year, virtually unchanged from 1995.

Sorghum plantings are expected to total 10.6 million acres, up 12 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seeded area totals 52.0 million acres, up slightly from the previous estimate and 7 percent from last year.

Durum wheat intended plantings are 3.62 million acres, up 5 percent from last year.

Other spring wheat growers intend to plant 17.5 million acres, 3 percent more than last year.

All cotton plantings for 1996 are expected to total 15.2 million acres, 10 percent below 1995, but 11 percent above 1994's acreage. Except for Florida and Virginia, all States expect to decrease Upland cotton plantings. Acreage of American-Pima cotton is 23 percent above last year's level.

Crop Summary: Area Planted, United States, 1994-96
(Domestic Units)

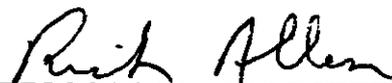
Crop	Area Planted			1996/95
	1994	1995	1996 1/	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Corn	79,175.0	71,245.0	79,920.0	112.2
Sorghum	9,827.0	9,454.0	10,626.0	112.4
Oats	6,639.0	6,336.0	5,298.0	83.6
Barley	7,159.0	6,689.0	7,242.0	108.3
All Wheat	70,349.0	69,177.0	73,108.0	105.7
Winter	49,197.0	48,726.0	52,006.0	106.7
Durum	2,823.0	3,436.0	3,615.0	105.2
Other Spring	18,329.0	17,015.0	17,487.0	102.8
Rice	3,353.0	3,121.0	2,985.0	95.6
Soybeans	61,670.0	62,575.0	62,478.0	99.8
Peanuts	1,641.0	1,538.5	1,459.0	94.8
Sunflower	3,567.0	3,478.0	3,039.0	87.4
Flaxseed	178.0	165.0	158.0	95.8
All Cotton	13,720.1	16,932.4	15,246.5	90.0
Upland	13,551.6	16,717.8	14,981.5	89.6
Amer-Pima	168.5	214.6	265.0	123.5
Hay 2/	58,735.0	59,779.0	59,037.0	98.8
Dry Edible Beans	2,015.8	2,069.3	1,816.1	87.8
Sweetpotatoes	86.1	88.6	90.0	101.6
Tobacco 2/	671.1	675.3	719.8	106.6
Sugarbeets	1,475.8	1,442.5	1,424.1	98.7

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Area harvested 1994-95, intended for harvest 1996.

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Crop Summary: Area Planted, United States, 1994-96
(Metric Units)

Crop	Area Planted		
	1994	1995	1996 1/
Hectares			
Corn	32,041,330	28,832,140	32,342,820
Sorghum	3,976,890	3,825,940	4,300,240
Oats	2,686,740	2,564,120	2,144,050
Barley	2,897,180	2,706,970	2,930,760
All Wheat	28,469,540	27,995,240	29,586,080
Winter	19,909,530	19,718,920	21,046,310
Durum	1,142,440	1,390,510	1,462,950
Other Spring	7,417,560	6,885,800	7,076,810
Rice	1,356,930	1,263,040	1,208,000
Soybeans	24,957,230	25,323,480	25,284,220
Peanuts	664,100	622,620	590,440
Sunflower	1,443,530	1,407,510	1,229,850
Flaxseed	72,030	66,770	63,940
All Cotton	5,552,390	6,852,370	6,170,110
Upland	5,484,200	6,765,530	6,062,860
Amer-Pima	68,190	86,850	107,240
Hay 2/	23,769,470	24,191,960	23,891,680
Dry Edible Beans	815,770	837,430	734,960
Sweet potatoes	34,840	35,860	36,420
Tobacco 2/	271,570	273,280	291,300
Sugarbeets	597,240	583,770	576,320

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Area harvested 1994-95, intended for harvest 1996.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/

Corn				
Year	All Corn		Corn for Grain	
	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
1987	66,200	59,505	119.8	7,131,300
1988	67,717	58,250	84.6	4,928,681
1989	72,322	64,783	116.3	7,531,953
1990	74,166	66,952	118.5	7,934,028
1991	75,957	68,822	108.6	7,474,765
1992	79,311	72,077	131.5	9,476,698
1993	73,235	62,921	100.7	6,336,470
1994	79,175	72,887	138.6	10,102,735
1995	71,245	64,995	113.5	7,373,876
1996	79,920			

Sorghum				
Year	All Sorghum		Sorghum for Grain	
	Area Planted	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production
1987	11,756	10,531	69.4	730,809
1988	10,343	9,042	63.8	576,686
1989	12,642	11,103	55.4	615,420
1990	10,535	9,089	63.1	573,303
1991	11,064	9,870	59.3	584,860
1992	13,177	12,050	72.6	875,022
1993	9,882	8,916	59.9	534,172
1994	9,827	8,917	72.8	649,206
1995	9,454	8,278	55.6	460,373
1996	10,626			

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/ (continued)

Year	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested	per Acre	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
			Oats	
1987	17,907	6,888	54.3	373,713
1988	13,907	5,530	39.3	217,375
1989	12,085	6,882	54.3	373,587
1990	10,423	5,947	60.1	357,654
1991	8,653	4,816	50.6	243,851
1992	7,943	4,496	65.4	294,229
1993	7,937	3,803	54.4	206,770
1994	6,639	4,010	57.1	229,008
1995	6,336	2,959	54.7	161,847
1996	5,298	3,169		
			Barley	
1987	10,929	9,957	52.4	521,499
1988	9,831	7,636	38.0	289,994
1989	9,125	8,313	48.6	404,203
1990	8,221	7,529	56.1	422,196
1991	8,941	8,413	55.2	464,326
1992	7,762	7,285	62.5	455,090
1993	7,786	6,753	58.9	398,041
1994	7,159	6,667	56.2	374,862
1995	6,689	6,277	57.2	359,102
1996	7,242			

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/ (continued)

Year	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested	per Acre	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
	All Wheat			
1987	65,829	55,945	37.7	2,107,685
1988	65,529	53,189	34.1	1,812,201
1989	76,615	62,189	32.7	2,036,618
1990	77,041	69,103	39.5	2,729,778
1991	69,881	57,803	34.3	1,980,139
1992	72,219	62,761	39.3	2,466,798
1993	72,168	62,712	38.2	2,396,440
1994	70,349	61,770	37.6	2,320,981
1995	69,177	60,971	35.8	2,185,539
1996	73,108			
	Winter Wheat 2/			
1987	48,806	39,332	39.8	1,565,381
1988	48,800	39,800	39.2	1,561,910
1989	55,091	41,509	35.0	1,454,642
1990	56,748	49,721	40.7	2,024,224
1991	51,024	39,506	34.7	1,371,617
1992	50,922	42,123	38.2	1,609,284
1993	51,587	43,811	40.2	1,760,143
1994	49,197	41,355	40.2	1,661,943
1995	48,726	40,993	37.7	1,547,311
1996	52,006			
	Durum Wheat			
1987	3,341	3,279	28.2	92,617
1988	3,336	2,847	15.7	44,831
1989	3,791	3,673	25.1	92,229
1990	3,570	3,507	34.9	122,430
1991	3,253	3,197	32.5	103,957
1992	2,547	2,519	39.7	99,906
1993	2,241	2,100	33.6	70,476
1994	2,823	2,715	35.6	96,747
1995	3,436	3,356	30.5	102,280
1996	3,615			
	Other Spring Wheat			
1987	13,682	13,334	33.7	449,687
1988	13,393	10,542	19.5	205,460
1989	17,733	17,007	28.8	489,747
1990	16,723	15,875	36.7	583,124
1991	15,604	15,100	33.4	504,565
1992	18,750	18,119	41.8	757,608
1993	18,340	16,801	33.7	565,821
1994	18,329	17,700	31.8	562,291
1995	17,015	16,622	32.2	535,948
1996	17,487			

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/ (continued)

Soybeans				
Year	Area		Harvested for Beans	
	Planted	Area	Yield per Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
1987	58,180	57,172	33.9	1,937,722
1988	58,840	57,373	27.0	1,548,841
1989	60,820	59,538	32.3	1,923,666
1990	57,795	56,512	34.1	1,925,947
1991	59,180	58,011	34.2	1,986,539
1992	59,180	58,233	37.6	2,190,354
1993	60,135	57,347	32.6	1,870,958
1994	61,670	60,859	41.4	2,516,694
1995	62,575	61,624	34.9	2,151,834
1996	62,478			
Rice				
Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Pounds
1987	2,356	2,333	5,555	129,603
1988	2,933	2,900	5,514	159,897
1989	2,731	2,687	5,749	154,487
1990	2,897	2,823	5,529	156,088
1991	2,884	2,781	5,731	159,367
1992	3,176	3,132	5,736	179,658
1993	2,920	2,833	5,510	156,110
1994	3,353	3,316	5,964	197,779
1995	3,121	3,093	5,621	173,871
1996	2,985			
Flaxseed				
Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
1987	470	463	16.1	7,444
1988	275	226	7.1	1,615
1989	195	163	7.5	1,215
1990	260	253	15.1	3,812
1991	356	342	18.1	6,200
1992	171	165	19.9	3,288
1993	206	191	18.2	3,480
1994	178	171	17.1	2,922
1995	165	147	15.0	2,211
1996	158			

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/ (continued)

Peanuts					
Year	Area		Harvested for Nuts		
	Planted	Area	Yield per Acre	Production	
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Pounds	
1987	1,567.4	1,547.4	2,337	3,616,010	
1988	1,657.4	1,628.4	2,445	3,980,917	
1989	1,665.2	1,644.7	2,426	3,989,995	
1990	1,846.0	1,815.5	1,985	3,603,650	
1991	2,039.2	2,015.7	2,444	4,926,570	
1992	1,686.6	1,669.1	2,567	4,284,416	
1993	1,733.5	1,689.8	2,008	3,392,415	
1994	1,641.0	1,618.5	2,624	4,247,455	
1995	1,538.5	1,516.0	2,294	3,477,760	
1996	1,459.0				

Sunflower					
Year	Area		Yield per Acre		
	Planted	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Pounds	
1987	1,805	1,775	1,469	2,608,150	
1988	2,038	1,921	933	1,792,090	
1989	1,840	1,786	985	1,759,760	
1990	1,905	1,851	1,229	2,274,405	
1991	2,746	2,673	1,352	3,613,030	
1992	2,187	2,043	1,255	2,564,985	
1993	2,757	2,486	1,035	2,572,063	
1994	3,567	3,430	1,410	4,836,185	
1995	3,478	3,368	1,189	4,005,020	
1996	3,039				

All Cotton					
Year	Area		Yield per Acre		
	Planted	Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Cottonseed
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Bales	1,000 Tons
1987	10,397.2	10,030.3	706	14,759.9	5,769.2
1988	12,514.8	11,948.2	619	15,411.5	6,061.8
1989	10,586.6	9,537.7	614	12,195.6	4,677.4
1990	12,348.1	11,731.6	634	15,505.4	5,968.5
1991	14,052.1	12,959.5	652	17,614.3	6,925.5
1992	13,240.0	11,123.3	700	16,218.5	6,230.1
1993	13,438.3	12,783.3	606	16,133.6	6,343.2
1994	13,720.1	13,322.3	708	19,662.0	7,603.9
1995	16,932.4	15,985.9	540	17,971.2	6,924.5
1996	15,246.5				

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/ (continued)

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons
		All Hay	
1987	60,133	2.45	147,457
1988	64,771	1.94	125,736
1989	62,722	2.31	144,706
1990	61,030	2.40	146,212
1991	61,834	2.46	152,073
1992	58,903	2.49	146,903
1993	59,679	2.46	146,799
1994	58,735	2.55	150,060
1995	59,779	2.59	154,786
1996 3/	59,037		

Dry Edible Beans

Year	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested	per Acre	
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Cwt
1987	1,782.6	1,665.4	1,563	26,031
1988	1,485.4	1,353.0	1,423	19,253
1989	1,824.6	1,650.9	1,437	23,729
1990	2,177.6	2,084.4	1,553	32,379
1991	1,964.1	1,913.7	1,764	33,765
1992	1,640.6	1,529.9	1,478	22,615
1993	1,871.9	1,622.0	1,351	21,913
1994	2,015.8	1,835.2	1,582	29,028
1995	2,069.3	1,899.3	1,634	31,032
1996	1,816.1			

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Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production,
United States, 1987-96 1/ (continued)

Year	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested	per Acre	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Sweet potatoes				
1987	92.3	88.9	131	11,611
1988	89.1	85.5	128	10,945
1989	89.5	86.0	132	11,358
1990	93.9	89.5	141	12,594
1991	81.2	77.8	144	11,203
1992	85.9	82.4	146	12,005
1993	83.1	80.2	138	11,053
1994	86.1	82.8	162	13,395
1995	88.6	84.6	152	12,883
1996	90.0			
Tobacco				
	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres		Pounds	1,000 Pounds
1987	586.3		2,028	1,188,868
1988	634.0		2,160	1,369,500
1989	678.2		2,016	1,367,188
1990	733.3		2,218	1,626,380
1991	763.7		2,179	1,664,372
1992	784.4		2,195	1,721,671
1993	746.4		2,161	1,613,319
1994	671.1		2,359	1,582,896
1995	675.3		1,968	1,328,998
1996 3/	719.8			
Sugarbeets				
	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested	per Acre	
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		Tons	1,000 Tons
1987	1,266.7	1,252.4	22.4	28,072
1988	1,327.2	1,300.7	19.1	24,810
1989	1,324.4	1,294.5	19.4	25,131
1990	1,400.4	1,377.2	20.0	27,513
1991	1,427.4	1,386.7	20.3	28,203
1992	1,436.7	1,411.5	20.6	29,143
1993	1,437.7	1,409.4	18.6	26,249
1994	1,475.8	1,443.0	22.1	31,853
1995	1,442.5	1,416.4	19.7	27,954
1996	1,424.1			

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.
3/ Intended for harvest in 1996.

Corn: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	290	250	330	132
AZ	28	30	40	133
AR	100	95	200	211
CA	420	435	450	103
CO	995	950	960	101
CT	45	37	40	108
DE	155	145	160	110
FL	120	100	120	120
GA	600	400	580	145
ID	100	95	100	105
IL	11,600	10,200	11,600	114
IN	6,100	5,400	5,900	109
IA	13,000	11,700	12,700	109
KS	2,330	2,150	2,400	112
KY	1,350	1,280	1,400	109
LA	320	230	430	187
ME	30	31	31	100
MD	460	450	520	116
MA	29	30	33	110
MI	2,550	2,450	2,700	110
MN	7,000	6,700	7,200	107
MS	290	300	550	183
MO	2,400	1,650	2,500	152
MT	60	55	55	100
NE	8,600	8,000	8,700	109
NH	19	17	16	94
NJ	100	98	110	112
NM	133	123	115	93
NY	1,110	1,100	1,120	102
NC	1,000	800	1,000	125
ND	800	700	850	121
OH	3,700	3,300	3,700	112
OK	190	155	155	100
OR	48	46	45	98
PA	1,400	1,380	1,400	101
RI	3	3	3	100
SC	370	290	340	117
SD	3,800	2,800	3,800	136
TN	670	640	670	105
TX	2,150	2,100	2,150	102
UT	67	68	67	99
VT	93	87	90	103
VA	500	430	450	105
WA	150	150	140	93
WV	70	65	65	100
WI	3,750	3,650	3,850	105
WY	80	80	85	106
US	79,175	71,245	79,920	112

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Sorghum: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	27	12	11	92
AR	260	200	230	115
CO	200	200	220	110
GA	65	55	80	145
IL	190	180	150	83
KS	3,200	3,300	3,400	103
KY	15	25	15	60
LA	130	87	120	138
MS	75	45	75	167
MO	570	520	540	104
NE	1,400	1,250	1,250	100
NM	210	230	240	104
NC	35	15	15	100
OK	320	350	450	129
SC	15	15	13	87
SD	280	250	300	120
TN	35	20	17	85
TX	2,800	2,700	3,500	130
US	9,827	9,454	10,626	112

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Oats: Area Planted and Harvested by State
and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted				Area Harvested			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	% of 1995	1994	1995	1996 2/	% of 1995
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
AL	65	50	45	90	30	23	23	100
AR	25	20	30	150	20	18	25	139
CA	310	350	275	79	30	30	25	83
CO	75	95	110	116	24	33	37	112
GA	80	75	80	107	50	35	35	100
ID	70	90	80	89	20	20	30	150
IL	110	500	120	24	90	80	90	113
IN	75	90	50	56	35	30	20	67
IA	600	750	400	53	430	225	250	111
KS	160	130	110	85	120	80	80	100
ME	27	30	31	103	24	24	26	108
MD	8	8	8	100	6	6	6	100
MI	140	110	90	82	110	90	75	83
MN	575	625	450	72	450	375	400	107
MO	55	45	45	100	34	29	26	90
MT	140	145	120	83	75	80	60	75
NE	240	155	170	110	150	90	105	117
NY	130	110	105	95	110	90	85	94
NC	85	60	55	92	40	30	25	83
ND	860	650	650	100	550	450	520	116
OH	150	120	120	100	120	100	100	100
OK	80	60	65	108	30	20	15	75
OR	75	75	60	80	45	35	30	86
PA	190	190	180	95	160	160	150	94
SC	65	55	50	91	40	35	25	71
SD	750	350	450	129	560	250	360	144
TX	650	650	650	100	130	120	130	108
UT	40	50	50	100	8	9	13	144
WA	45	32	40	125	20	14	18	129
WV	9	8	9	113	5	5	5	100
WI	700	590	540	92	470	340	350	103
WY	55	68	60	88	24	33	30	91
US	6,639	6,336	5,298	84	4,010	2,959	3,169	107

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Intended area planted, to be planted, and harvested for 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

All Wheat: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	140	120	110	92
AZ	125	125	160	128
AR	980	1,100	1,300	118
CA	650	650	780	120
CO	2,945	2,940	3,060	104
DE	75	70	80	114
FL	25	20	13	65
GA	440	350	400	114
ID	1,490	1,410	1,570	111
IL	1,150	1,480	1,650	111
IN	680	700	850	121
IA	55	50	60	120
KS	11,900	11,700	11,800	101
KY	590	650	700	108
LA	100	100	140	140
MD	230	230	250	109
MI	600	630	700	111
MN	2,653	2,298	2,300	100
MS	180	180	230	128
MO	1,250	1,350	1,700	126
MT	5,580	5,720	5,850	102
NE	2,200	2,150	2,200	102
NV	12	12	15	125
NJ	45	36	46	128
NM	470	460	470	102
NY	120	130	160	123
NC	670	720	640	89
ND	11,590	11,290	11,580	103
OH	1,200	1,230	1,380	112
OK	7,000	6,900	7,000	101
OR	965	1,030	1,010	98
PA	170	190	195	103
SC	370	300	270	90
SD	3,675	2,883	4,220	146
TN	500	600	620	103
TX	6,000	5,800	6,000	103
UT	194	173	190	110
VA	280	300	290	97
WA	2,650	2,700	2,700	100
WV	15	15	14	93
WI	155	155	155	100
WY	230	230	250	109
US	70,349	69,177	73,108	106

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Winter Wheat: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	140	120	110	92
AZ	30	25	20	80
AR	980	1,100	1,300	118
CA	590	580	640	110
CO	2,900	2,900	3,000	103
DE	75	70	80	114
FL	25	20	13	65
GA	440	350	400	114
ID	840	830	900	108
IL	1,150	1,480	1,650	111
IN	680	700	850	121
IA	55	50	60	120
KS	11,900	11,700	11,800	101
KY	590	650	700	108
LA	100	100	140	140
MD	230	230	250	109
MI	600	630	700	111
MN	40	35	35	100
MS	180	180	230	128
MO	1,250	1,350	1,700	126
MT	1,950	1,500	2,250	150
NE	2,200	2,150	2,200	102
NV	7	5	8	160
NJ	45	36	46	128
NM	470	460	470	102
NY	120	130	160	123
NC	670	720	640	89
ND	40	40	80	200
OH	1,200	1,230	1,380	112
OK	7,000	6,900	7,000	101
OR	900	910	880	97
PA	170	190	195	103
SC	370	300	270	90
SD	1,550	1,600	2,000	125
TN	500	600	620	103
TX	6,000	5,800	6,000	103
UT	170	145	160	110
VA	280	300	290	97
WA	2,400	2,250	2,400	107
WV	15	15	14	93
WI	145	145	145	100
WY	200	200	220	110
US	49,197	48,726	52,006	107

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Durum Wheat: Area Planted by State
and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AZ	95	100	140	140
CA	60	70	140	200
MN	13	13	15	115
MT	180	270	300	111
ND	2,450	2,950	3,000	102
SD	25	33	20	61
US	2,823	3,436	3,615	105

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall in AZ and CA.

2/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Other Spring Wheat: Area Planted by State
and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
CO	45	40	60	150
ID	650	580	670	116
MN	2,600	2,250	2,250	100
MT	3,450	3,950	3,300	84
NV	5	7	7	100
ND	9,100	8,300	8,500	102
OR	65	120	130	108
SD	2,100	1,250	2,200	176
UT	24	28	30	107
WA	250	450	300	67
WI	10	10	10	100
WY	30	30	30	100
US	18,329	17,015	17,487	103

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Barley: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AZ	35	25	55	220
CA	290	260	280	108
CO	90	110	115	105
DE	35	40	35	88
ID	740	780	760	97
KS	15	10	15	150
KY	16	18	22	122
MD	65	65	50	77
MI	35	25	22	88
MN	650	610	625	102
MT	1,300	1,300	1,250	96
NE	10	8	8	100
NV	7	6	7	117
NJ	7	5	3	60
NC	30	35	25	71
ND	2,500	2,300	2,700	117
OK	9	6	4	67
OR	140	105	115	110
PA	80	80	80	100
SC	8	6	5	83
SD	340	180	280	156
TX	17	15	11	73
UT	115	100	115	115
VA	105	100	90	90
WA	310	300	370	123
WI	100	100	90	90
WY	110	100	110	110
US	7,159	6,689	7,242	108

1/ . Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Intended plantings for 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Soybeans: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	310	240	220	92
AR	3,450	3,450	3,300	96
DE	225	235	220	94
FL	45	30	28	93
GA	520	320	370	116
IL	9,500	9,750	9,750	100
IN	4,600	5,000	4,800	96
IA	8,800	9,300	9,400	101
KS	2,150	2,100	2,050	98
KY	1,150	1,170	1,130	97
LA	1,150	1,070	970	91
MD	560	550	490	89
MI	1,550	1,500	1,550	103
MN	5,700	5,900	5,950	101
MS	1,900	1,850	1,900	103
MO	4,600	4,600	4,600	100
NE	2,900	3,100	3,150	102
NJ	150	140	110	79
NC	1,400	1,150	1,150	100
ND	640	660	800	121
OH	4,000	4,050	4,000	99
OK	300	290	300	103
PA	320	320	310	97
SC	600	550	540	98
SD	2,430	2,550	2,550	100
TN	1,100	1,130	1,150	102
TX	220	250	290	116
VA	540	490	500	102
WI	860	830	900	108
US	61,670	62,575	62,478	100

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Rice: Area Planted by Type, State,
and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Long Grain				
AR	1,218.0	1,148.0	1,028.0	90
CA	7.0	8.0	6.0	75
LA	400.0	460.0	420.0	91
MS	315.0	290.0	270.0	93
MO	130.0	119.0	108.0	91
TX	340.0	310.0	290.0	94
US	2,410.0	2,335.0	2,122.0	91
Medium Grain				
AR	220.0	200.0	240.0	120
CA	470.0	449.0	476.0	106
LA	225.0	115.0	120.0	104
MS 2/				
MO	1.0		2.0	
TX	15.0	10.0	10.0	100
US	931.0	774.0	848.0	110
Short Grain				
AR	2.0	2.0	2.0	100
CA	10.0	10.0	13.0	130
US	12.0	12.0	15.0	125
All				
AR	1,440.0	1,350.0	1,270.0	94
CA	487.0	467.0	495.0	106
LA	625.0	575.0	540.0	94
MS	315.0	290.0	270.0	93
MO	131.0	119.0	110.0	92
TX	355.0	320.0	300.0	94
US	3,353.0	3,121.0	2,985.0	96

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ No medium grain estimated.

Sunflower: Area Planted by Type, State,
and United States, 1994-96

Varietal Type and State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
Oil				
CO	72	65	60	92
KS	200	220	190	86
MN	390	360	200	56
NE	47	44	40	91
ND	1,350	1,250	1,200	96
SD	915	890	700	79
TX	21	21	18	86
Oth Sts 2/	46	61	61	100
US	3,041	2,911	2,469	85
Non-Oil				
CO	28	50	35	70
KS	60	80	60	75
MN	110	80	60	75
NE	28	46	45	98
ND	240	200	280	140
SD	25	70	50	71
TX	13	23	22	96
Oth Sts 2/	22	18	18	100
US	526	567	570	101
All				
CO	100	115	95	83
KS	260	300	250	83
MN	500	440	260	59
NE	75	90	85	94
ND	1,590	1,450	1,480	102
SD	940	960	750	78
TX	34	44	40	91
Oth Sts 2/	68	79	79	100
US	3,567	3,478	3,039	87

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ 1996 estimates carried forward from 1995. First 1996 estimate will be published in "Acreage" on June 28, 1996.

Flaxseed: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
MN	10	10	10	100
ND	145	130	125	96
SD	20	22	20	91
Oth Sts 2/	3	3	3	100
US	178	165	158	96

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ 1996 estimates carried forward from 1995. First 1996 estimate will be published in "Acreage" on June 28, 1996.

Sweet Potatoes: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	4.4	4.4	4.6	105
CA	8.2	8.3	8.4	101
GA	2.5	3.0	2.5	83
LA	20.0	22.0	23.0	105
MD 2/	0.3			
MS	6.0	6.2	7.5	121
NJ	1.5	1.5	1.3	87
NC	35.0	35.0	35.0	100
SC	2.0	2.1	2.1	100
TX	5.7	5.6	5.1	91
VA	0.5	0.5	0.5	100
US	86.1	88.6	90.0	102

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Estimates discontinued in 1995.

Peanuts: Area Planted by State
and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	223.0	213.0	190.0	89
FL	92.0	90.0	82.0	91
GA	652.0	595.0	560.0	94
NM	21.0	20.0	19.5	98
NC	151.0	144.0	140.0	97
OK	102.0	100.0	100.0	100
SC	13.0	11.5	11.5	100
TX	295.0	275.0	270.0	98
VA	92.0	90.0	86.0	96
US	1,641.0	1,538.5	1,459.0	95

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, by State
and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
CA	136.0	145.0	130.0	90
CO	205.0	190.0	160.0	84
ID	140.0	110.0	90.0	82
KS	34.0	34.0	29.0	85
MI	390.0	390.0	350.0	90
MN	135.0	190.0	140.0	74
MT	10.2	11.0	9.0	82
NE	200.0	225.0	210.0	93
NM	12.5	12.5	13.0	104
NY	39.0	34.0	33.0	97
ND	570.0	600.0	540.0	90
OR	10.2	10.2	10.4	102
TX	30.0	25.0	13.0	52
UT	6.5	7.3	7.0	96
WA	40.0	41.0	38.0	93
WI	11.4	9.3	8.7	94
WY	46.0	35.0	35.0	100
US	2,015.8	2,069.3	1,816.1	88

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

2/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

All Hay: Area Harvested by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Harvested			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	730	720	710	99
AZ	195	195	180	92
AR	1,125	1,050	1,150	110
CA	1,470	1,600	1,530	96
CO	1,330	1,360	1,300	96
CT	83	73	65	89
DE	15	11	11	100
FL	240	230	250	109
GA	650	600	600	100
ID	1,250	1,400	1,330	95
IL	1,100	1,050	1,000	95
IN	650	720	675	94
IA	1,750	1,700	1,700	100
KS	2,450	2,600	2,650	102
KY	2,250	2,400	2,400	100
LA	290	310	330	106
ME	214	225	240	107
MD	200	205	205	100
MA	106	100	100	100
MI	1,400	1,350	1,300	96
MN	2,300	2,275	2,250	99
MS	750	725	800	110
MO	3,350	3,300	3,300	100
MT	2,200	2,400	2,400	100
NE	3,300	3,150	3,150	100
NV	470	490	500	102
NH	79	68	65	96
NJ	120	130	120	92
NM	320	350	340	97
NY	1,660	1,600	1,600	100
NC	510	530	520	98
ND	2,800	2,700	2,600	96
OH	1,280	1,250	1,200	96
OK	2,220	2,200	2,300	105
OR	1,010	1,100	1,000	91
PA	1,920	1,910	1,910	100
RI	8	7	6	86
SC	250	300	290	97
SD	4,100	4,300	4,100	95
TN	1,700	1,750	1,750	100
TX	3,590	3,760	3,700	98
UT	685	695	695	100
VT	325	300	320	107
VA	1,200	1,250	1,250	100
WA	710	760	785	103
WV	550	560	560	100
WI	2,700	2,700	2,600	96
WY	1,130	1,320	1,200	91
US	58,735	59,779	59,037	99

1/ Intended area harvested in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Cotton: Area Planted by Type, State,
and United States, 1994-96

Type and State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
Upland				
AL	463.0	590.0	580.0	98
AZ	313.0	365.0	325.0	89
AR	980.0	1,170.0	1,100.0	94
CA	1,100.0	1,170.0	1,100.0	94
FL	69.0	110.0	120.0	109
GA	885.0	1,500.0	1,380.0	92
KS	1.4	3.8	1.5	39
LA	900.0	1,085.0	970.0	89
MS	1,280.0	1,460.0	1,200.0	82
MO	352.0	461.0	460.0	100
NM	55.0	61.0	60.0	98
NC	486.0	810.0	780.0	96
OK	360.0	380.0	350.0	92
SC	225.0	345.0	310.0	90
TN	590.0	700.0	630.0	90
TX	5,450.0	6,400.0	5,500.0	86
VA	42.2	107.0	115.0	107
US	13,551.6	16,717.8	14,981.5	90
Amer-Pima				
AZ	48.0	48.6	40.0	82
CA	81.0	115.0	165.0	143
NM	11.0	15.0	18.0	120
TX	28.5	36.0	42.0	117
US	168.5	214.6	265.0	123
All				
AL	463.0	590.0	580.0	98
AZ	361.0	413.6	365.0	88
AR	980.0	1,170.0	1,100.0	94
CA	1,181.0	1,285.0	1,265.0	98
FL	69.0	110.0	120.0	109
GA	885.0	1,500.0	1,380.0	92
KS	1.4	3.8	1.5	39
LA	900.0	1,085.0	970.0	89
MS	1,280.0	1,460.0	1,200.0	82
MO	352.0	461.0	460.0	100
NM	66.0	76.0	78.0	103
NC	486.0	810.0	780.0	96
OK	360.0	380.0	350.0	92
SC	225.0	345.0	310.0	90
TN	590.0	700.0	630.0	90
TX	5,478.5	6,436.0	5,542.0	86
VA	42.2	107.0	115.0	107
US	13,720.1	16,932.4	15,246.5	90

1/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Tobacco: Area Harvested by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Harvested			
	1994	1995	1996 1/	1996/1995
	Acres			Percent
CT	1,655	1,990	2,070	104
FL	6,500	7,200	7,300	101
GA	37,000	42,000	45,000	107
IN	7,100	6,500	7,600	117
KY	187,000	172,700	205,300	119
MD	8,500	8,500	8,000	94
MA	490	510	580	114
MO	3,500	2,700	2,800	104
NC	243,200	261,100	269,300	103
OH	8,500	8,300	8,300	100
PA	9,000	7,900	7,700	97
SC	47,000	50,000	50,000	100
TN	60,350	56,720	54,700	96
VA	46,420	44,170	46,170	105
WV	2,000	2,000	2,000	100
WI	2,850	3,000	3,000	100
US	671,065	675,290	719,820	106.6

1/ Intended area harvested in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Tobacco: Area Harvested by Class, Type, State,
and United States, 1994-96

Class and Type	Area Harvested		
	1994	1995	1996 1/
	Acres		
Class 1, Flue-cured			
Type 11, Old Belts			
NC	66,000	68,000	69,000
VA	34,000	34,000	35,000
US	100,000	102,000	104,000
Type 12, Eastern NC Belt			
NC	139,000	151,000	156,000
Type 13, NC Border & SC Belt			
NC	30,000	34,000	36,000
SC	47,000	50,000	50,000
US	77,000	84,000	86,000
Type 14, GA-FL Belt			
FL	6,500	7,200	7,300
GA	37,000	42,000	45,000
US	43,500	49,200	52,300
Total 11-14	359,500	386,200	398,300
Class 2, Fire-cured			
Type 21, VA Belt			
VA	1,350	1,100	1,100
Type 22, Eastern District			
KY	4,100	3,700	3,500
TN	8,100	7,600	7,600
US	12,200	11,300	11,100
Type 23, Western District			
KY	3,900	3,600	3,400
TN	630	610	610
US	4,530	4,210	4,010
Total 21-23	18,080	16,610	16,210
Class 3, Air-cured			
Class 3A, Light Air-cured			
Type 31, Burley			
IN	7,100	6,500	7,600
KY	175,000	162,000	195,000
MO	3,500	2,700	2,800
NC	8,200	8,100	8,300
OH	8,500	8,300	8,300
TN	51,000	48,000	46,000
VA	11,000	9,000	10,000
WV	2,000	2,000	2,000
US	266,300	246,600	280,000
Type 32, Southern MD Belt			
MD	8,500	8,500	8,000
PA	3,600	3,400	3,200
US	12,100	11,900	11,200
Total 31-32	278,400	258,500	291,200

See footnotes at end of table.

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Tobacco: Area Harvested by Class, Type, State,
and United States, 1994-96

Class and Type	Area Harvested		
	1994	1995	1996 1/
	Acres		
Class 3, Air-cured			
Class 3B, Dark			
Air-cured			
Type 35, One Sucker			
Belt			
KY	2,600	2,200	2,200
TN	620	510	490
US	3,220	2,710	2,690
Type 36, Green River			
Belt			
KY	1,400	1,200	1,200
Type 37, VA Sun-cured			
Belt			
VA	70	70	70
Total 35-37	4,690	3,980	3,960
Class 4, Cigar Filler			
Type 41, PA Seedleaf			
PA	5,400	4,500	4,500
Class 5, Cigar Binder			
Class 5A, CT Valley			
Binder			
Type 51, CT Valley			
Broadleaf			
CT	745	1,020	1,030
MA	210	240	290
US	955	1,260	1,320
Class 5B, WI Binder			
Type 54, Southern WI			
WI	1,900	2,000	2,000
Type 55, Northern WI			
WI	950	1,000	1,000
Total 54-55	2,850	3,000	3,000
Total 51-55	3,805	4,260	4,320
Class 6, Cigar Wrapper			
Type 61, CT Valley			
Shade-grown			
CT	910	970	1,040
MA	280	270	290
US	1,190	1,240	1,330
All Cigar Types			
Total 41-61	10,395	10,000	10,150
All Tobacco	671,065	675,290	719,820

1/ Intended area harvested in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Sugarbeets: Area Planted by State and United States, 1994-96 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1994	1995	1996 2/	1996/1995
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
CA	143.0	117.0	100.0	85
CO	44.3	42.8	53.5	125
ID	202.0	198.0	197.0	99
MI	195.0	190.0	175.0	92
MN	415.0	426.0	433.0	102
MT	54.3	55.7	58.0	104
NE	82.1	75.9	73.5	97
NM			.6	
ND	205.8	206.0	210.0	102
OH	17.0	16.3	13.0	80
OR	16.7	17.4	17.5	101
TX	25.4	20.2	18.0	89
WA			13.0	
WY	63.0	63.0	62.0	98
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US	1,475.8	1,442.5	1,424.1	98.7

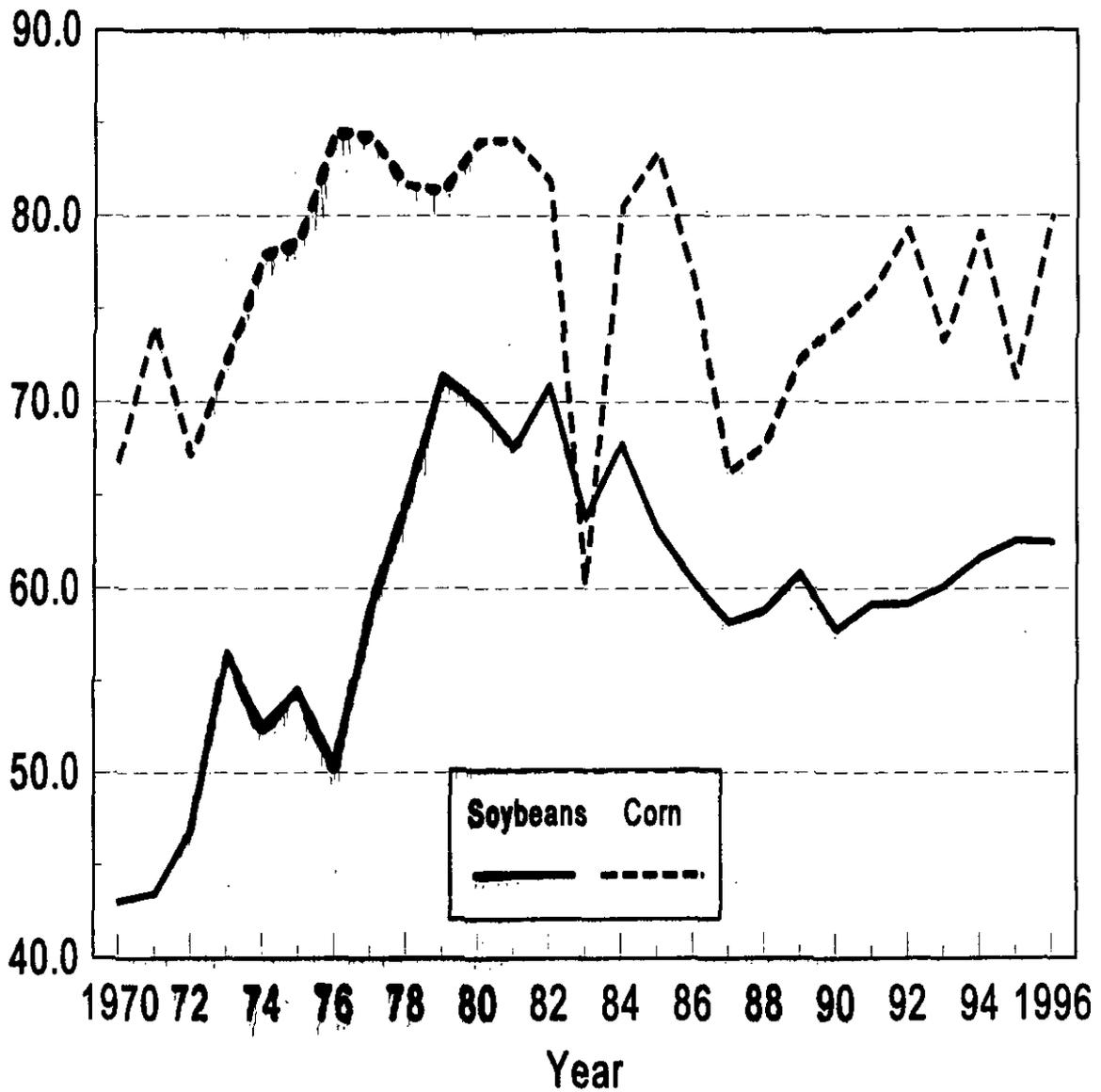
1/ Relates to year of intended harvest except for overwintered spring planted beets in CA.

2/ Intended plantings in 1996 as indicated by reports from farmers.

3/ Includes NM and WA prior to 1996.

U.S. Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage

Million Acres



Corn: Farmers intend to plant 79.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1996, up 12 percent from last year and 1 percent more than in 1994.

Expected acreage is up in all the major States. The change from a 7.5 percent acreage reduction requirement to zero accounts for most of the increase. High prices coupled with expectations of the 1995 Farm Bill having no acreage restrictions also support higher acreage. Acreage in the Southeast is expected to increase sharply as growers hope to harvest their crops early enough to market it prior to the 1996 crop marketing year and receive old crop prices.

Sorghum: Growers intend to plant 10.6 million acres for all purposes this year. This is up 12 percent from 1995 to the highest acreage total since 1989. An expected 800,000 acre increase in Texas is the main cause of the net gain.

Oats: Producers plan to seed or have seeded 5.30 million acres of oats for 1996, down 16 percent from the 6.34 million acres seeded for 1995. Acreage expected to be seeded in the major corn producing States dropped sharply as oats will not be needed as a cover crop on set-a-side acres. Acreage has increased in some major oat for grain States as a result of the current high prices. If realized this would be least acreage seeded to oats since records were first kept in 1866.

Growers intend to harvest 3.17 million acres for grain in 1996, up 7 percent from the 2.96 million acres harvested in 1995. If realized, this would be the second least acreage harvested for grain.

All Wheat: Planted area for 1996 is expected to total 73.1 million acres, up 6 percent from 1995.

Winter Wheat: Seeded area for this year is 52.0 million acres, 7 percent more than 1995 and fractionally higher than the previously published level. Class breakdowns are Hard Red, 35.7 million acres; Soft Red, 11.7; White, 4.65 million.

Durum Wheat: Intended area for 1996 totals 3.62 million acres, up 5 percent from last year and the most since 1989. Wheat midge infestations in northern North Dakota were severe last season. Entomologists have recommended against planting wheat in some areas, thus limiting the potential increase in Durum. Montana's acreage will be the largest in seven years, if realized. Arizona seeding continued into February; high prices drew some acreage from cotton. Currently, 15-20,000 acres of the crop are quarantined because of Karnal Bunt. Seeding in California's Imperial Valley progressed normally through February; San Joaquin Valley seeding finished by January 1.

Other Spring Wheat: Producers plan to seed 17.5 million acres this spring, up 3 percent from a year ago. If realized, Hard Red Spring would total 16.6 million acres and White Spring about 880,000 acres. South Dakota intends to seed 2.2 million acres, more than offsetting the anticipated drop in Montana Hard Red area. The Idaho acreage reflects the largest spring wheat since 1953.

Barley: Growers intend to seed 7.24 million acres for 1996, up 8 percent from the 6.69 million acres seeded last year. Acreage seeded in North Dakota, the major producing State, is up 17 percent from 1995.

Soybeans: Soybean plantings are estimated at 62.5 million acres this year, virtually unchanged from 1995.

The increase of 140,000 acres or 21 percent in North Dakota was the largest increase for soybean estimating States. Arkansas had the largest decrease with 150,000 acres.

Of the 29 estimating States, growers in 12 intend to plant more acres of soybeans in 1996, 13 intend to plant less acres, and 4 are unchanged from 1995.

Rice: Growers intend to seed 2.99 million acres this year, a decrease of 4 percent from last year. Long grain acreage shows a decrease of 9 percent in intended acreage, medium grain acreage is up 10 percent, and short grain acreage is up 25 percent. California was the only State to show an increase over last year. Rice fields in California were drained, burned, and prepared for planting where conditions permitted.

Sunflower: Growers intend to plant 3.04 million acres of oil and non-oil sunflowers in 1996, 13 percent below 1995. The total is comprised of 2.47 million acres of oil types and 570,000 acres of non-oil types.

North Dakota was the only State to show an increase in acreage from last year. The remaining major States all showed a decrease in plantings from a year ago.

Flaxseed: Plantings in 1996 are expected to total 158,000 acres, 4 percent below 1995. Planted acreage in North Dakota and South Dakota both decreased. In Minnesota the planted acreage showed no change from a year ago.

Sweet Potatoes: Growers intend to plant 90,000 acres of sweet potatoes this year, up 2 percent from last year and 5 percent above two years ago. Increased acreage expected in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and California will more than offset declines in Texas, Georgia, and New Jersey. The Carolinas and Virginia should have acreage at or near last year's level.

Good weather in California has allowed planting to go ahead of a normal schedule. On the other hand, Texas is quite dry, resulting in delays and a reduction in acreage. Farmers in Louisiana and Mississippi are tending beds of sweet potato slips in preparation for transplanting in the coming weeks. North Carolina plantings should be about the same as last year, as growers decide whether to plant more to recover from last year's reduced crop or to respond to low prices and cut acreage. South Carolina and Virginia growers intend to plant the same acreage as last year.

Peanuts: Producers intend to plant 1.46 million acres of peanuts in 1996, down 5 percent from the 1995 planted acreage of 1.54 million acres and 11 percent below the 1994 level.

Southeast growers (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) expect to plant 844,000 acres, down 7 percent from 1995 and 14 percent below 1994.

In the Virginia-North Carolina region, producers intend to plant 226,000 acres of peanuts this year. This represents a 3 percent decrease from 1995 and 7 percent less than 1994.

Growers in the Southwest (New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) intend to plant 390,000 acres, 1 percent less than last year and 7 percent below the 1994 level.

Dry Beans: Farmers intend to plant 1.82 million acres of dry beans in 1996, down 12 percent from last year and 10 percent below 1994. Nearly all producing States are planning for fewer acres of dry beans than last year. Minnesota farmers expect 1996 acreage of dry beans to drop 26 percent. Idaho and Montana bean acreage should drop 18 percent; Colorado growers look for a 16 percent decline. North Dakota, Michigan, and California could be down 10 percent under present plans. Nebraska and Washington growers expect a 7 percent decrease. New York looks for a 3 percent slide, while Texas bean acreage could fall nearly half. Wyoming's acres of beans should stay at last year's level, while Oregon and New Mexico are up slightly.

Low prices for the 1995 crop and slow exports have caused growers to cut back on plans for dry beans this year and go to other crops. California growers cite current low prices on kidney and blackeye classes. Reduced pinto prices are to blame for lower bean acreage in Mountain and Plains States. Michigan farmers are eyeing other field crops this year as better profit makers. Some States, on the other hand, feel that the current cool, wet weather, may lead to reductions in early crops and increases in later dry beans. Planting of dry beans is two to three months away and plans could easily change during that time.

All Hay: Producers expect to harvest 59.0 million acres of hay in 1996, 1 percent less than were harvested in 1995. Most of those States showing increased acreage were in the Delta region and the Plains States. The States showing increases are due to decreased production and stocks in 1995, and in some cases, higher cattle numbers. States anticipating decreases, are due to previous year's higher production and stocks, and some grain acreage being harvested for grain rather than hay, this season.

Cotton: Area planted to all cotton for 1996 is expected to total 15.2 million acres, 10 percent below 1995 plantings, but 11 percent above 1994's planted area. Upland acreage is expected to total 15.0 million acres, down 10 percent from last year. Growers intend to increase their plantings of American-Pima cotton to 265,000 acres, up 23 percent from last year, and 57 percent above the 1994 level.

Upland growers in the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) intend to plant 4.36 million acres. This is an 11 percent decrease from 1995, but 6 percent above the acreage of two years ago.

Texas and Oklahoma producers' planting intentions total 5.85 million acres, a 14 percent decrease from 1995. Planting began in Texas' southern areas with soil moisture supplies short in most of the State.

The Southeast States (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina), show a decrease in cotton acreage for 1996 - reversing a 3 year trend of increasing acreage. Planting intentions are estimated at 3.05 million acres, 6 percent below the 1995 acreage, but 48 percent greater than 1994.

Upland planted acreage in the Western States (Arizona, California, and New Mexico) is expected to total 1.49 million acres, 7 percent less than 1995's

level, but 1 percent above the 1994 acreage. Arizona approved early planting dates this year, in an attempt to lessen the effects of whitefly on the crop, and producers had seeded 8 percent of their acreage in mid-March. In California, moisture supplies are above average due to substantial rainfall in January and February. Plantings were underway in the Desert areas on March 1, but won't begin in the San Joaquin Valley until later in the month. All States except Arizona intend to increase American-Pima acreage. Arizona acreage is expected to decrease by 18 percent to 40,000 acres. California producers anticipate seeding 165,000 acres, 43 percent more than in 1995. In Texas, the dry conditions forced producers to prewater seedbeds, and planting should begin in April. Seeding had begun in California's Desert areas.

Tobacco: Growers intend to harvest 719,820 acres of tobacco in 1996. If these intentions are realized, the area harvested will be 7 percent above 1995. All tobacco types showed an increase from 1995 except Dark fire-cured and Maryland type tobacco. The quota for flue-cured tobacco was up from last year as a result of under-marketings from the 1995 tobacco crop. Limited resources may prevent some tobacco farmers from planting all of their effective quota in 1996. The cold winter and cool-spring weather slightly delayed early planting in the Southeastern States.

Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 398,300 acres, 3 percent above last year with every State showing an increase in acres from last year or staying the same. Flue-cured tobacco accounts for 55 percent of this year's total tobacco acreage.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 280,000 acres, 14 percent above last year. Kentucky, with 70 percent of the 1996 burley area to be harvested, is 20 percent above a year ago.

Acreage of Maryland type tobacco at 11,200 acres, is expected to be down 6 percent from last year. Wisconsin growers expect to harvest 3,000 acres of binder, unchanged from last year.

Harvested acres of Dark fire-cured tobacco are down 2 percent from a year ago and are estimated at 16,210 acres for 1996. Growers of dark air-cured tobacco indicate a 1 percent decrease from last year to 3,960 acres for 1996.

Sugarbeets: Area planted to Sugarbeets for 1996 is expected to total 1.42 million acres in the 14 producing States. If growers intentions are realized, planted acreage will be 1 percent below last year.

Late winter-rains in California resulted in lower acreage planted for harvest. Improvements to sugarbeet processing plants in Colorado increased capacity and allowed planting intentions to reach the highest level since 1981. Disappointment with the hardiness of the newer, high-sugar varieties prompted Michigan sugarbeet producers to lower planting intentions from last year.

The sugarbeet acreage estimates for New Mexico and Washington are reported separately starting in this report.

Reliability of Acreage Data in this Report

Survey Procedures: The acreage estimates in this report are based primarily on a survey conducted the first two weeks of March. The March Acreage Intentions Survey is a probability survey that includes about 76,000 operators selected from a list of producers that ensure all operations in the U.S. have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, telephone, or personal interviews, to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 1996 crop year.

Three basic survey estimates are calculated from the March Intentions Survey. One is called the direct expansion of the reported survey data. The reported acreage for each farm in the sample is multiplied times its chances of being included in the survey. The largest farms are selected with certainty, so their data are multiplied by 1.0. The smallest farms are selected with rates of 1 out of 150. Their data are therefore multiplied by 150.0. The second is a ratio of acreage reported by operators on the March survey to acreage reported by the same operators in 1995 surveys. This provides a measure of change by crop between 1995 and 1996. The direct expansion for the March survey is divided by the direct expansion from the 1995 survey to obtain an additional measure of change. This third estimate utilizes data from all operators reporting on either survey.

Estimating Procedures: National and State data for individual crops were reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with general cultural practices, economic factors, and historic estimates. Each State Statistical Office submits its analysis of the data to the Agricultural Statistics Board for review. Survey data are compiled to the National level and are reviewed at this level independently of each State's review. Acreage estimates were based on survey estimates and the historical relationship of official estimates to survey estimates.

Revision Policy: Acreage estimates in the "**Prospective Plantings**" report will not be revised. These estimates are intended to reflect grower intentions as of the survey period. New acreage estimates will be made based on surveys conducted in June when crop acreages have been established or planting intentions are firm. These new estimates will be published in the "**Acreage**" release scheduled for June 28, 1996. Winter wheat is an exception. Since winter wheat acreages were seeded prior to the March survey, any changes in estimates in this report are considered revisions. The estimates of the harvested acreage of winter wheat will be published on May 10, 1996, along with the first production forecast of the crop year. The winter wheat planted and harvested acreage is subject to revisions in the "**Acreage**" report.

Reliability: The survey used to make acreage estimates is subject to sampling and non-sampling type errors that are common to all surveys. Sampling errors for major crops generally are between 1.0 and 3.0 percent. Sampling errors represent the variability between estimates that would result if many different samples were surveyed at the same time. Sampling errors cannot be applied directly to the acreage published in this report to determine confidence intervals since the official estimates represent a composite of information from more than a single source.

Non-sampling errors cannot be measured directly. They may occur due to incorrect reporting, and/or recording data, omissions or duplications, and errors in processing. To minimize non-sampling errors, rigorous quality controls are used in the data collection process and all data are carefully reviewed for consistency and reasonableness.

In addition to the survey errors discussed above, data users are cautioned that the actual acreage estimates may vary from data included in this report. Growers may change their intentions after the survey because of the effects of weather, availability of production inputs, change in economic conditions prior to planting, and the implications of this report.

A method of evaluating the reliability of acreage estimates in this report is the "Root Mean Square Error," a statistical measure based on past performances shown below for selected crops. This is computed by expressing the deviations between the planted acreage estimates and the final estimates as a percent of the final estimates and averaging the squared percentage deviations for the 1976-1995 20-year period; the square root of this average becomes statistically the "Root Mean Square Error." Probability statements can be made concerning expected differences in the current estimates relative to the final estimates assuming that factors affecting this year's estimate are not different than those that occurred during the past 20 years.

For example, the "Root Mean Square Error" for the corn planted estimate is 2.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current acreage estimate of 79.9 million acres will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.3 percent or approximately 1.84 million acres. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 4.0 percent or approximately 3.20 million acres.

Also, shown in the table is a 10-year record for selected crops of the difference between the "Prospective Plantings" planted acres estimates and the final estimates. Using corn again as an example, changes between the intentions estimates and the final estimates during the past 10 years have averaged 1.36 million acres ranging from 167,000 acres to 4.08 million acres. The prospective plantings estimates have been below the final estimate 3 times and above, times. This does not imply that the planted estimate this year is likely to understate or overstate the final estimate.

Reliability of Prospective Plantings Planted Acreage Estimates

Crop	: Root Mean Square Error :		: 10 Year Record of Differences					
	: Percent :	: 90% Percent :	: Between Mid-Year and Final				: Estimates	
	: Confidence Level :		: Thousand		: Number of			
	: : :	: : :	: Acres		: Years			
	: : Percent : Thousand :	: : Acres :	: : : :	: : : :	: : : :	: : : :	: Below: Above	
	: : : :	: : : :	: : : :	: : : :	: : : :	: : : :	: Average: Small: Large: Final: Final	
Corn	: 2.3	: 4.0	: 3,197	: 1,355	: 167	: 4,078	: 3	: 7
Sorghum	: 6.1	: 10.5	: 1,116	: 571	: 76	: 1,333	: 3	: 7
Oats	: 7.6	: 13.1	: 694	: 872	: 173	: 2,429	: 2	: 8
Barley	: 5.0	: 8.7	: 630	: 358	: 102	: 667	: 3	: 7
Spring Wheat	: 7.3	: 12.7	: 2,221	: 869	: 167	: 2,034	: 7	: 3
Soybeans	: 3.1	: 5.4	: 3,374	: 1,105	: 0	: 2,065	: 7	: 2
Upland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Cotton	: 5.5	: 9.5	: 1,423	: 307	: 6	: 914	: 5	: 5

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