

Prospective Plantings



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Corn Up 4 Percent Soybeans Down 3 Percent

Corn farmers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1992, up 4 percent from last year and 7 percent above 1990. If realized, this would be the largest acreage since 1985.

Soybean plantings are projected at 57.4 million acres this year, 3 percent below 1991, and if realized, the lowest since 1976.

Sorghum growers intend to plant 12.1 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1992, up 10 percent from 1991. Planting is in full swing in most parts of south Texas and is progressing rapidly in central Texas.

Winter wheat seedings for 1992 are 50.3 million acres, off 1 percent from 1991. The current total is fractionally higher than the previously published estimate.

Durum wheat acreage area seeded for 1992 is expected to total 2.54 million acres, down 22 percent from 1991. This would be the smallest area devoted to durum wheat since 1970.

Other spring wheat planted for 1992 is expected to exceed 17.2 million acres, up 10 percent from 1991.

All cotton prospective plantings for 1992 total 13.5 million acres, 5 percent below 1991 but 9 percent above the 1990 planted area. The Delta is the only producing region expecting increased acreage from last year.

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**Prospective Acreage of Feed and Food Grains Increase,
Oilseeds Decrease**

Oilseed acreage (soybeans, cotton, peanuts, sunflower, and flaxseed) is expected to total 75.2 million acres down 4 percent from last year. Area planted to food grains (wheat, rice, and rye) at 74.7 million acres is up slightly from 1991. The intended 1992 feed grains acreage (corn, oats, barley, and sorghum) of 108 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year.

**Crop Summary: Area Planted, United States, 1990-92
(Domestic Units)**

Crop	Area Planted			1992/1991
	1990	1991	1992 1/	
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Corn	74,171.0	75,951.0	79,007.0	104.0
Sorghum	10,535.0	11,014.0	12,112.0	110.0
Oats	10,423.0	8,654.0	8,337.0	96.3
Barley	8,221.0	8,941.0	8,310.0	92.9
All Wheat	77,241.0	69,906.0	70,077.0	100.2
Winter	56,948.0	51,049.0	50,306.0	98.5
Durum	3,570.0	3,253.0	2,535.0	77.9
Other Spring	16,723.0	15,604.0	17,236.0	110.5
Rice	2,897.0	2,857.0	2,995.0	104.8
Soybeans	57,795.0	59,060.0	57,415.0	97.2
Peanuts	1,840.0	2,042.2	1,864.5	91.3
Sunflower 2/	1,905.0	2,743.0	2,205.0	80.4
Flaxseed 3/	260.0	351.0	246.0	70.1
All Cotton	12,348.1	14,143.8	13,488.5	95.4
Upland	12,116.8	13,897.0	13,237.5	95.3
Amer-Pima	231.3	246.8	251.0	101.7
Hay 4/	61,407.0	62,575.0	60,720.0	97.0
Dry Edible Beans	2,177.6	1,909.1	1,498.6	78.5
Sweetpotatoes	93.9	80.8	83.3	103.1
Tobacco 4/	733.3	761.1	770.2	101.2
Sugarbeets	1,400.4	1,421.0	1,444.3	101.6

- 1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Estimates for 1990 includes only KS, MN, ND, SD, and TX.
3/ Estimates for 1990 includes only MN, ND, and SD.
4/ Area harvested.

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Crop Summary: Area Planted, United States, 1990-92
(Metric Units)

Crop	Area Planted		
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>
	Hectares		
Corn	30,016,260	30,736,610	31,973,340
Sorghum	4,263,410	4,457,260	4,901,610
Oats	4,218,080	3,502,190	3,373,900
Barley	3,326,960	3,618,330	3,362,970
All Wheat	31,258,660	28,290,260	28,359,460
Winter	23,046,290	20,659,020	20,358,340
Durum	1,444,740	1,316,460	1,025,890
Other Spring	6,767,630	6,314,780	6,975,240
Rice	1,172,390	1,156,200	1,212,050
Soybeans	23,389,060	23,900,990	23,235,280
Peanuts	744,630	826,460	754,540
Sunflower <u>2/</u>	770,930	1,110,060	892,340
Flaxseed <u>3/</u>	105,220	142,050	99,550
All Cotton	4,997,150	5,723,850	5,458,660
Upland	4,903,550	5,623,980	5,357,080
Amer-Pima	93,600	99,880	101,580
Hay <u>4/</u>	24,850,800	25,323,480	24,572,780
Dry Edible Beans	881,250	772,590	606,470
Sweetpotatoes	38,000	32,700	33,710
Tobacco <u>4/</u>	296,760	308,010	311,690
Sugarbeets	566,730	575,060	584,490

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Estimates for 1990 includes only KS, MN, ND, SD, and TX.

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4/ Area harvested.

Selected Crops: Area Planted and Harvested, United States, 1983-92

Year	Corn		Sorghum		Oats	
	All	Harvested	All	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
	Planted	For Grain	Planted	For Grain		
1,000 Acres						
1983	60,207	51,479	11,880	10,001	20,289	9,062
1984	80,517	71,897	17,254	15,355	12,414	8,163
1985	83,398	75,209	18,285	16,782	13,235	8,147
1986	76,580	68,907	15,339	13,862	14,671	6,840
1987	66,200	59,505	11,756	10,531	17,907	6,888
1988	67,717	58,250	10,343	9,042	13,910	5,533
1989	72,221	64,703	12,642	11,103	12,085	6,882
1990	74,171	66,952	10,535	9,089	10,423	5,945
1991	75,951	68,842	11,014	9,820	8,654	4,796
1992	79,007		12,112		8,337	4,905

Year	Barley		Rice		Flaxseed	
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
	1,000 Acres					
1983	10,411	9,721	2,190	2,169	605	580
1984	11,934	11,218	2,830	2,802	555	538
1985	13,139	11,591	2,512	2,492	620	584
1986	13,024	11,974	2,381	2,360	720	683
1987	10,929	9,957	2,356	2,333	470	463
1988	9,831	7,636	2,933	2,900	275	226
1989	9,125	8,313	2,731	2,687	195	163
1990	8,221	7,529	2,897	2,823	260	253
1991	8,941	8,413	2,857	2,750	351	337
1992	8,310		2,995		246	

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Selected Crops: Area Planted and Harvested,
United States, 1983-92 (continued)

Year	Spring Wheat				Cotton	
	Durum		Other		Planted	Harvested
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres					
1983	2,565	2,492	11,749	11,314	7,926.3	7,347.5
1984	3,277	3,219	12,517	12,196	11,145.4	10,379.1
1985	3,207	3,094	14,616	13,687	10,684.6	10,229.0
1986	2,994	2,877	15,109	14,641	10,044.6	8,468.4
1987	3,341	3,279	13,682	13,334	10,397.2	10,030.3
1988	3,336	2,847	13,393	10,542	12,514.8	11,948.2
1989	3,791	3,673	17,733	17,007	10,586.6	9,537.7
1990	3,570	3,507	16,723	15,875	12,348.1	11,731.6
1991	3,253	3,197	15,604	15,100	14,143.8	12,842.4
1992	2,535		17,236		13,488.5	

Year	Sugarbeets		Sweetpotatoes		Tobacco Harvested
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested	
	1,000 Acres				
1983	1,081.4	1,055.8	105.3	102.4	789.2
1984	1,123.6	1,096.3	105.8	102.9	791.7
1985	1,124.5	1,102.5	108.2	103.3	688.0
1986	1,232.5	1,192.2	94.5	90.8	580.6
1987	1,266.7	1,252.4	92.3	88.9	586.3
1988	1,327.2	1,300.7	89.1	85.5	634.0
1989	1,324.4	1,294.5	89.5	86.0	678.2
1990	1,400.4	1,377.2	93.9	89.5	733.3
1991	1,421.0	1,388.7	80.8	77.5	761.1
1992	1,444.3		83.3		770.2

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Selected Crops: Area Planted and Harvested,
United States, 1983-92 (continued)

Year	Soybeans		Peanuts		Dry Edible Beans	
	All	Harvested	All	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
	Planted	For Beans	Planted	For Nuts		
1,000 Acres						
1983	63,779	62,525	1,411.0	1,373.5	1,180.0	1,138.7
1984	67,755	66,113	1,558.6	1,528.0	1,501.0	1,460.3
1985	63,145	61,599	1,490.4	1,467.4	1,569.9	1,481.4
1986	60,405	58,312	1,564.7	1,535.2	1,653.8	1,495.0
1987	58,180	57,172	1,567.4	1,547.4	1,782.6	1,665.4
1988	58,840	57,373	1,657.4	1,628.4	1,485.4	1,353.0
1989	60,820	59,538	1,665.2	1,644.7	1,824.6	1,650.9
1990	57,795	56,512	1,840.0	1,809.5	2,177.6	2,084.4
1991	59,060	57,951	2,042.2	2,007.5	1,909.1	1,862.7
1992	57,415		1,864.5		1,498.6	
1,000 Acres						
	Sunflower		Total 2/			
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested
1,000 Acres						
1983	3,110	3,063	199,278	182,660		
1984	3,754	3,692	229,033	218,695		
1985	3,055	2,844	230,878	218,790		
1986	2,025	1,955	218,419	202,690		
1987	1,805	1,775	202,319	186,831		
1988	2,038	1,921	200,324	182,032		
1989	1,840	1,786	209,352	197,894		
1990	1,905	1,851	205,093	194,813		
1991	2,743	2,670	208,786	199,400		
1992	2,205		209,547			

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Selected Crops: Area Planted and Harvested,
United States, 1983-92 (continued)

Year	Winter Wheat		All Hay Harvested
	Planted in Preceding Fall	Harvested	
	1,000 Acres		
1983	62,105	47,584	59,694
1984	63,419	51,513	61,414
1985	57,712	47,923	60,461
1986	53,895	43,170	62,334
1987	48,806	39,332	60,133
1988	48,800	39,800	65,055
1989	55,091	41,509	63,300
1990	56,948	49,901	61,407
1991	51,049	39,396	62,575
1992	50,306		60,720

- 1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ The planted acreage is the sum of the planted acreages listed (excluding winter wheat) plus tobacco acreage harvested. The harvested acreage is the sum of the harvested items listed (excluding winter wheat and hay) plus corn and sorghum for silage acreage.

Corn: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	290	260	320	123
AZ	15	14	16	114
AR	80	90	110	122
CA	375	330	330	100
CO	950	950	980	103
CT	45	46	48	104
DE	180	175	165	94
FL	105	110	115	105
GA	660	600	750	125
ID	100	125	90	72
IL	10,600	11,200	11,400	102
IN	5,600	5,700	5,900	104
IA	12,800	12,500	13,300	106
KS	1,600	1,800	1,850	103
KY	1,350	1,400	1,480	106
LA	200	275	300	109
ME	40	35	37	106
MD	550	550	540	98
MA	36	34	33	97
MI	2,400	2,600	2,700	104
MN	6,700	6,600	7,100	108
MS	190	190	300	158
MO	2,100	2,300	2,350	102
MT	65	75	80	107
NE	7,700	8,200	8,400	102
NH	17	18	18	100
NJ	100	100	110	110
NM	85	92	95	103
NY	1,210	1,230	1,280	104
NC	1,200	1,050	1,100	105
ND	850	930	1,000	108
OH	3,700	3,700	3,800	103
OK	105	120	130	108
OR	50	45	45	100
PA	1,380	1,400	1,450	104
RI	2	2	2	100
SC	390	280	310	111
SD	3,400	3,750	3,800	101
TN	620	620	700	113
TX	1,650	1,700	1,700	100
UT	65	68	68	100
VT	86	92	95	103
VA	530	500	500	100
WA	120	130	130	100
WV	90	85	90	106
WI	3,700	3,800	3,800	100
WY	90	80	90	113
US	74,171	75,951	79,007	104

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Sorghum: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	30	30	35	117
AR	300	290	340	117
CO	270	320	350	109
GA	80	90	100	111
IL	210	180	250	139
KS	3,100	3,400	3,300	97
KY	35	32	40	125
LA	135	205	260	127
MS	90	85	160	188
MO	550	550	550	100
NE	1,600	1,450	1,700	117
NM	140	180	200	111
NC	65	45	40	89
OK	380	350	400	114
SC	40	32	32	100
SD	500	500	580	116
TN	60	75	75	100
TX	2,950	3,200	3,700	116
US	10,535	11,014	12,112	110.0

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Oats: Area Planted and Harvested, by State and United States, 1990-92 1/

State	Area Planted				Area Harvested			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	% of 1991	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	% of 1991
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
AL	45	55	50	91	25	25	25	100
AR	55	50	25	50	45	30	20	67
CA	380	380	400	105	45	35	30	86
CO	90	88	90	102	45	30	40	133
GA	65	95	75	79	40	60	65	108
ID	60	80	70	88	30	45	30	67
IL	600	450	450	100	170	120	140	117
IN	140	100	100	100	70	45	50	111
IA	1,300	800	800	100	600	425	500	118
KS	160	160	200	125	120	110	140	127
ME	36	32	35	109	31	23	32	139
MD	22	16	17	106	17	12	13	108
MI	250	150	120	80	225	120	100	83
MN	1,100	750	600	80	730	570	450	79
MO	60	65	90	138	42	32	50	156
MT	160	200	200	100	70	110	125	114
NE	450	340	310	91	280	220	190	86
NY	160	130	140	108	135	100	110	110
NC	80	85	90	106	40	40	45	113
ND	1,000	950	1,100	116	600	650	740	114
OH	270	200	200	100	230	170	170	100
OK	100	80	110	138	60	34	50	147
OR	70	80	80	100	45	45	50	111
PA	270	250	240	96	240	210	210	100
SC	60	68	65	96	32	40	40	100
SD	1,250	950	900	95	950	700	700	100
TX	1,100	1,100	900	82	225	180	205	114
UT	40	50	45	90	12	8	15	188
WA	80	85	70	82	40	40	35	88
WV	10	10	10	100	6	5	5	100
WI	900	750	700	93	710	530	500	94
WY	60	55	55	100	35	32	30	94
US	10,423	8,654	8,337	96.3	5,945	4,796	4,905	102.3

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Intended area planted and to be planted and area harvested for 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

All Wheat: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	280	170	140	82
AZ	100	70	85	121
AR	1,500	1,100	950	86
CA	680	483	670	139
CO	2,742	2,638	2,600	99
DE	65	70	75	107
FL	65	50	55	110
GA	650	500	400	80
ID	1,420	1,340	1,490	111
IL	2,050	1,650	1,450	88
IN	1,050	850	800	94
IA	80	75	70	93
KS	12,400	11,800	11,800	100
KY	700	640	620	97
LA	440	300	200	67
MD	200	205	220	107
MI	770	570	630	111
MN	2,960	2,190	2,660	121
MS	600	350	300	86
MO	2,150	1,650	1,550	94
MT	5,745	5,130	5,035	98
NE	2,450	2,350	2,300	98
NV	16	11	9	82
NJ	36	35	35	100
NM	520	550	550	100
NY	150	115	115	100
NC	600	550	520	95
ND	11,350	10,000	11,000	110
OH	1,400	1,150	1,180	103
OK	7,500	7,400	7,400	100
OR	1,010	900	980	109
PA	215	180	180	100
SC	400	300	285	95
SD	4,140	3,370	4,080	121
TN	580	440	410	93
TX	6,700	6,200	5,900	95
UT	185	165	155	94
VA	290	280	290	104
WA	2,600	3,700	2,500	68
WV	15	13	15	115
WI	205	149	154	103
WY	232	217	219	101
US	77,241	69,906	70,077	100.2

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Plantings for 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Winter Wheat: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	280	170	140	82
AZ	55	30	45	150
AR	1,500	1,100	950	86
CA	620	450	600	133
CO	2,700	2,600	2,550	98
DE	65	70	75	107
FL	65	50	55	110
GA	650	500	400	80
ID	960	870	870	100
IL	2,050	1,650	1,450	88
IN	1,050	850	800	94
IA	80	75	70	93
KS	12,400	11,800	11,800	100
KY	700	640	620	97
LA	440	300	200	67
MD	200	205	220	107
MI	770	570	630	111
MN	130	60	50	83
MS	600	350	300	86
MO	2,150	1,650	1,550	94
MT	2,700	2,350	2,350	100
NE	2,450	2,350	2,300	98
NV	7	6	6	100
NJ	36	35	35	100
NM	520	550	550	100
NY	150	115	115	100
NC	600	550	520	95
ND	250	100	200	200
OH	1,400	1,150	1,180	103
OK	7,500	7,400	7,400	100
OR	950	850	870	102
PA	215	180	180	100
SC	400	300	285	95
SD	1,850	1,500	1,650	110
TN	580	440	410	93
TX	6,700	6,200	5,900	95
UT	155	140	125	89
VA	290	280	290	104
WA	2,300	2,200	2,200	100
WV	15	13	15	115
WI	195	140	145	104
WY	220	210	205	98
US	56,948	51,049	50,306	98.5

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Plantings for 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Other Spring Wheat: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
CO	42	38	50	132
ID	460	470	620	132
MN	2,800	2,100	2,600	124
MT	2,800	2,600	2,500	96
NV	9	5	3	60
ND	8,000	7,000	8,600	123
OR	60	50	110	220
SD	2,200	1,800	2,400	133
UT	30	25	30	120
WA	300	1,500	300	20
WI	10	9	9	100
WY	12	7	14	200
US	16,723	15,604	17,236	110.5

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Durum Wheat: Area Planted, by States and United States, 1990-92 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AZ	45	40	40	100
CA	60	33	70	212
MN	30	30	10	33
MT	245	180	185	103
ND	3,100	2,900	2,200	76
SD	90	70	30	43
US	3,570	3,253	2,535	77.9

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Plantings for 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Barley: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AZ	17	22	21	95
CA	300	240	270	113
CO	155	140	125	89
DE	30	40	35	88
ID	790	800	750	94
KS	25	30	20	67
KY	19	25	20	80
MD	70	85	90	106
MI	45	35	25	71
MN	850	900	700	78
MT	1,600	1,800	1,600	89
NE	25	30	30	100
NV	12	8	5	63
NJ	8	11	8	73
NC	35	40	35	88
ND	2,600	2,900	2,900	100
OK	20	15	18	120
OR	145	190	160	84
PA	65	75	80	107
SC	15	10	10	100
SD	550	500	450	90
TX	30	30	28	93
UT	115	105	120	114
VA	100	105	95	90
WA	400	580	500	86
WI	70	85	80	94
WY	130	140	135	96
US	8,221	8,941	8,310	92.9

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Intended plantings for 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Soybeans: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	470	360	320	89
AR	3,400	3,250	3,000	92
DE	200	255	220	86
FL	80	45	55	122
GA	900	600	650	108
IL	9,200	9,200	9,100	99
IN	4,200	4,450	4,400	99
IA	8,000	8,700	8,100	93
KS	2,000	2,000	1,900	95
KY	1,250	1,150	1,130	98
LA	1,800	1,030	1,150	112
MD	505	510	480	94
MI	1,150	1,400	1,400	100
MN	4,700	5,500	5,400	98
MS	2,050	1,900	1,800	95
MO	4,200	4,500	4,200	93
NE	2,400	2,500	2,600	104
NJ	110	125	120	96
NC	1,400	1,350	1,400	104
ND	500	635	680	107
OH	3,500	3,800	3,700	97
OK	250	260	220	85
PA	280	310	300	97
SC	800	650	600	92
SD	1,950	2,200	2,200	100
TN	1,300	1,100	950	86
TX	220	180	190	106
VA	540	530	530	100
WI	440	570	620	109
US	57,795	59,060	57,415	97.2

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Rice: Area Planted, by Class, State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/91
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
	Long Grain			
AR	1,110.0	1,149.0	1,209.0	105
CA	18.0	15.0	15.0	100
LA	310.0	290.0	350.0	121
MS	255.0	225.0	250.0	111
MO	91.0	96.0	109.0	114
TX	345.0	337.0	344.0	102
US	2,129.0	2,112.0	2,277.0	107.8
	Medium Grain			
AR	129.0	150.0	140.0	93
CA	370.0	305.0	328.0	108
LA	245.0	270.0	230.0	85
MS <u>2/</u>				
MO	1.0	1.0	1.0	100
TX	10.0	8.0	11.0	138
US	755.0	734.0	710.0	96.7
	Short Grain			
AR	1.0	1.0	1.0	100
CA	12.0	10.0	7.0	70
US	13.0	11.0	8.0	72.7
	All			
AR	1,240.0	1,300.0	1,350.0	104
CA	400.0	330.0	350.0	106
LA	555.0	560.0	580.0	104
MS	255.0	225.0	250.0	111
MO	92.0	97.0	110.0	113
TX	355.0	345.0	355.0	103
US	2,897.0	2,857.0	2,995.0	104.8

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ No medium grain estimated.

Sunflower: Area Planted, by Type, State, and United States, 1990-92

Varietal Type and State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 1/	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Oil				
CO 2/		37	50	135
KS	50	79	75	95
MN	70	210	150	71
NE 2/		30	27	90
ND	980	1,450	1,100	76
SD	285	440	390	89
TX	5	12	12	100
Other States 2/3/		34	34	100
US 4/	1,390	2,292	1,838	80.2
Non-Oil				
CO 2/		26	30	115
KS	25	26	35	135
MN	70	80	60	75
NE 2/		20	21	105
ND	390	260	180	69
SD	15	10	15	150
TX	15	13	10	77
Other States 2/3/		16	16	100
US 4/	515	451	367	81.4
All				
CO 2/		63	80	127
KS	75	105	110	105
MN	140	290	210	72
NE 2/		50	48	96
ND	1,370	1,710	1,280	75
SD	300	450	405	90
TX	20	25	22	88
Other States 2/3/		50	50	100
US 4/	1,905	2,743	2,205	80.4

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

2/ Estimates begin with 1991.

3/ 1992 estimates carried forward from 1991. First 1992 estimate will be available June 30, 1992.

4/ Estimates for 1990 include only KS, MN, ND, SD, and TX. Estimates for 1991 and 1992 include all States except AK and HI.

Flaxseed: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
MN	15	30	10	33
ND	220	280	200	71
SD	25	35	30	86
Other States <u>2/</u>		6	6	100
US <u>3/</u>	260	351	246	70.1

- 1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.
2/ Estimates begin with 1991. 1992 estimates carried forward from 1991. First 1992 estimate will be available June 30, 1992.
3/ Estimates for 1990 include only MN, ND, and SD. Estimates for 1991 and 1992 include all States except AK and HI.

Sweetpotatoes: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
AL	5.0	4.8	5.0	104
CA	8.3	7.9	7.8	99
GA	5.0	4.0	4.0	100
LA	22.0	17.0	19.0	112
MD	0.6	0.3	0.3	100
MS	3.5	4.0	4.5	113
NJ	2.2	2.0	2.0	100
NC	36.0	31.0	31.0	100
SC	3.5	3.0	2.8	93
TX	6.8	5.8	5.9	102
VA	1.0	1.0	1.0	100
US	93.9	80.8	83.3	103.1

- 1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Peanuts for Nuts: Area Planted, by State,
and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1</u> / 1,000 Acres	1992/1991 Percent
AL	258.0	280.0	260.0	93
FL	102.0	123.0	126.0	102
GA	782.0	900.0	750.0	83
NM	20.0	22.7	22.0	97
NC	165.0	164.0	164.0	100
OK	107.0	110.0	105.0	95
SC	14.0	14.5	13.5	93
TX	295.0	330.0	330.0	100
VA	97.0	98.0	94.0	96
US	1,840.0	2,042.2	1,864.5	91.3

Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92 1/
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State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2</u> / 1,000 Acres	1992/1991 Percent
CA	175.0	147.0	130.0	88
CO	245.0	180.0	160.0	89
ID	180.0	145.0	95.0	66
KS	40.0	34.0	20.0	59
MI	350.0	350.0	280.0	80
MN	140.0	125.0	90.0	72
MT	13.5	9.0	8.0	89
NE	260.0	215.0	140.0	65
NM	14.5	16.0	15.0	94
NY	41.0	36.0	35.0	97
ND	570.0	520.0	420.0	81
OR	9.1	7.1	5.0	70
TX	25.0	16.0	14.0	88
UT	5.5	6.0	6.0	100
WA	48.0	50.0	35.0	70
WI	11.0	11.0	10.6	96
WY	50.0	42.0	35.0	83
US	2,177.6	1,909.1	1,498.6	78.5

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

2/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

All Hay: Area Harvested, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Harvested			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1</u> /	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
AL	750	780	730	94
AZ	195	200	210	105
AR	975	1,100	1,050	95
CA	1,630	1,680	1,660	99
CO	1,550	1,500	1,450	97
CT	86	84	85	101
DE	23	20	22	110
FL	240	230	220	96
GA	570	600	550	92
ID	1,130	1,230	1,150	93
IL	900	950	900	95
IN	700	675	650	96
IA	2,000	1,800	1,900	106
KS	2,500	2,500	2,300	92
KY	2,200	2,300	2,350	102
LA	300	300	280	93
ME	222	221	224	101
MD	225	215	220	102
MA	103	103	104	101
MI	1,450	1,450	1,450	100
MN	2,400	2,450	2,350	96
MS	575	720	730	101
MO	3,580	3,700	3,600	97
MT	2,150	2,400	2,300	96
NE	3,650	3,600	3,500	97
NV	490	475	520	109
NH	76	76	78	103
NJ	110	114	115	101
NM	320	330	330	100
NY	1,980	1,950	1,930	99
NC	470	520	560	108
ND	3,500	3,300	3,000	91
OH	1,400	1,300	1,300	100
OK	2,130	2,400	2,300	96
OR	1,020	1,075	1,070	100
PA	1,900	1,890	1,920	102
RI	7	7	7	100
SC	240	260	240	92
SD	4,200	4,550	4,200	92
TN	1,500	1,650	1,450	88
TX	3,900	3,800	3,800	100
UT	625	640	630	98
VT	365	350	355	101
VA	1,160	1,140	1,120	98
WA	790	780	770	99
WV	560	520	540	104
WI	3,400	3,300	3,200	97
WY	1,160	1,340	1,300	97
US	61,407	62,575	60,720	97.0

1/ Intended area harvested in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Cotton: Area Planted, by Type, State, and United States, 1990-92

Type and State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1</u> /	1992/1991
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Upland				
AL	380.0	415.0	450.0	108
AZ	350.0	360.0	330.0	92
AR	770.0	1,000.0	900.0	90
CA	1,100.0	970.0	900.0	93
FL	37.0	50.0	60.0	120
GA	355.0	430.0	450.0	105
KS	1.5	2.0	2.5	125
LA	810.0	875.0	900.0	103
MS	1,230.0	1,245.0	1,350.0	108
MO	248.0	332.0	350.0	105
NM	69.0	69.0	60.0	87
NC	201.0	460.0	370.0	80
OK	380.0	440.0	380.0	86
SC	155.0	211.0	195.0	92
TN	525.0	620.0	615.0	99
TX	5,500.0	6,400.0	5,900.0	92
VA	5.3	18.0	25.0	139
US	12,116.8	13,897.0	13,237.5	95.3
Amer-Pima				
AZ	125.0	106.0	105.0	99
CA	25.7	60.0	75.0	125
MS	1.3	0.8	1.0	125
NM	19.3	20.0	20.0	100
TX	60.0	60.0	50.0	83
US	231.3	246.8	251.0	101.7
All				
AL	380.0	415.0	450.0	108
AZ	475.0	466.0	435.0	93
AR	770.0	1,000.0	900.0	90
CA	1,125.7	1,030.0	975.0	95
FL	37.0	50.0	60.0	120
GA	355.0	430.0	450.0	105
KS	1.5	2.0	2.5	125
LA	810.0	875.0	900.0	103
MS	1,231.3	1,245.8	1,351.0	108
MO	248.0	332.0	350.0	105
NM	88.3	89.0	80.0	90
NC	201.0	460.0	370.0	80
OK	380.0	440.0	380.0	86
SC	155.0	211.0	195.0	92
TN	525.0	620.0	615.0	99
TX	5,560.0	6,460.0	5,950.0	92
VA	5.3	18.0	25.0	139
US	12,348.1	14,143.8	13,488.5	95.4

1/ Intended plantings in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Tobacco: Area Harvested, by Class, Type, State,
and United States, 1990-92

Class and Type	Area Harvested		
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>
	Acres		
Class 1, Flue-cured			
Type 11, Old and Middle Belts			
NC	106,000	104,000	102,000
VA	40,000	39,000	38,000
US	146,000	143,000	140,000
Type 12, Eastern NC Belt			
NC	135,000	129,000	131,000
Type 13, NC Border & SC Belt			
NC	35,000	33,000	34,000
SC	51,000	51,000	52,000
US	86,000	84,000	86,000
Type 14, GA-FL Belt			
FL	6,900	6,700	7,100
GA	43,000	40,000	43,000
US	49,900	46,700	50,100
Total 11-14	416,900	402,700	407,100
Class 2, Fire-cured			
Type 21, VA Belt			
VA	2,100	2,500	1,800
Type 22, Eastern District			
KY	3,150	3,300	3,500
TN	6,600	6,600	7,000
US	9,750	9,900	10,500
Type 23, Western District			
KY	3,100	3,100	3,300
TN	490	500	530
US	3,590	3,600	3,830
Total 21-23	15,440	16,000	16,130
Class 3, Air-cured			
Class 3A, Light Air-cured			
Type 31, Burley			
IN	7,000	7,200	7,500
KY	185,000	213,000	215,000
MO	2,600	3,000	3,100
NC	8,200	8,900	9,200
OH	9,700	10,500	10,800
TN	46,000	54,000	56,000
VA	11,000	12,000	12,300
WV	1,700	1,800	1,900
US	271,200	310,400	315,800
Type 32, Southern MD Belt <u>2/</u>			
MD	7,100	7,400	7,000
PA	3,600	3,800	3,700
US	10,700	11,200	10,700
Total 31-32	281,900	321,600	326,500

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Tobacco: Area Harvested, by Class, Type, State,
and United States, 1990-92 (continued)

Class and Type	Area Harvested		
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>
	Acres		
Class 3, Air-cured			
Class 3B, Dark Air-cured			
Type 35, One Sucker Belt			
KY	2,000	2,500	2,600
TN	500	600	630
US	2,500	3,100	3,230
Type 36, Green River Belt			
KY	900	1,250	1,300
Type 37, VA Sun-cured Belt			
VA	80	100	100
Total 35-37	3,480	4,450	4,630
Class 4, Cigar Filler			
Type 41, PA Seedleaf PA	6,400	6,700	6,700
Class 5, Cigar Binder			
Class 5A, CT Valley Binder			
Type 51, CT Valley Broadleaf			
CT	570	670	670
MA	90	110	130
US	660	780	800
Class 5B, WI Binder			
Type 54, Southern WI WI	4,100	4,200	4,000
Type 55, Northern WI WI	2,800	3,200	3,200
Total 54-55	6,900	7,400	7,200
Total 51-55	7,560	8,180	8,000
Class 6, Cigar Wrapper			
Type 61, CT Valley Shade-grown			
CT	1,250	1,080	820
MA	380	370	270
US	1,630	1,450	1,090
All Cigar Types			
Total 41-61	15,590	16,330	15,790
All Tobacco	733,310	761,080	770,150

1/ Intended area harvested in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Tobacco: Area Harvested, by State and United States, 1990-92

State	Area Harvested			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>1/</u>	1992/1991
	Acres			Percent
CT	1,820	1,750	1,490	85
FL	6,900	6,700	7,100	106
GA	43,000	40,000	43,000	108
IN	7,000	7,200	7,500	104
KY	194,150	223,150	225,700	101
MD	7,100	7,400	7,000	95
MA	470	480	400	83
MO	2,600	3,000	3,100	103
NC	284,200	274,900	276,200	100
OH	9,700	10,500	10,800	103
PA	10,000	10,500	10,400	99
SC	51,000	51,000	52,000	102
TN	53,590	61,700	64,160	104
VA	53,180	53,600	52,200	97
WV	1,700	1,800	1,900	106
WI	6,900	7,400	7,200	97
US	733,310	761,080	770,150	101.2

1/ Intended area harvested in 1992 as indicated by reports from farmers.

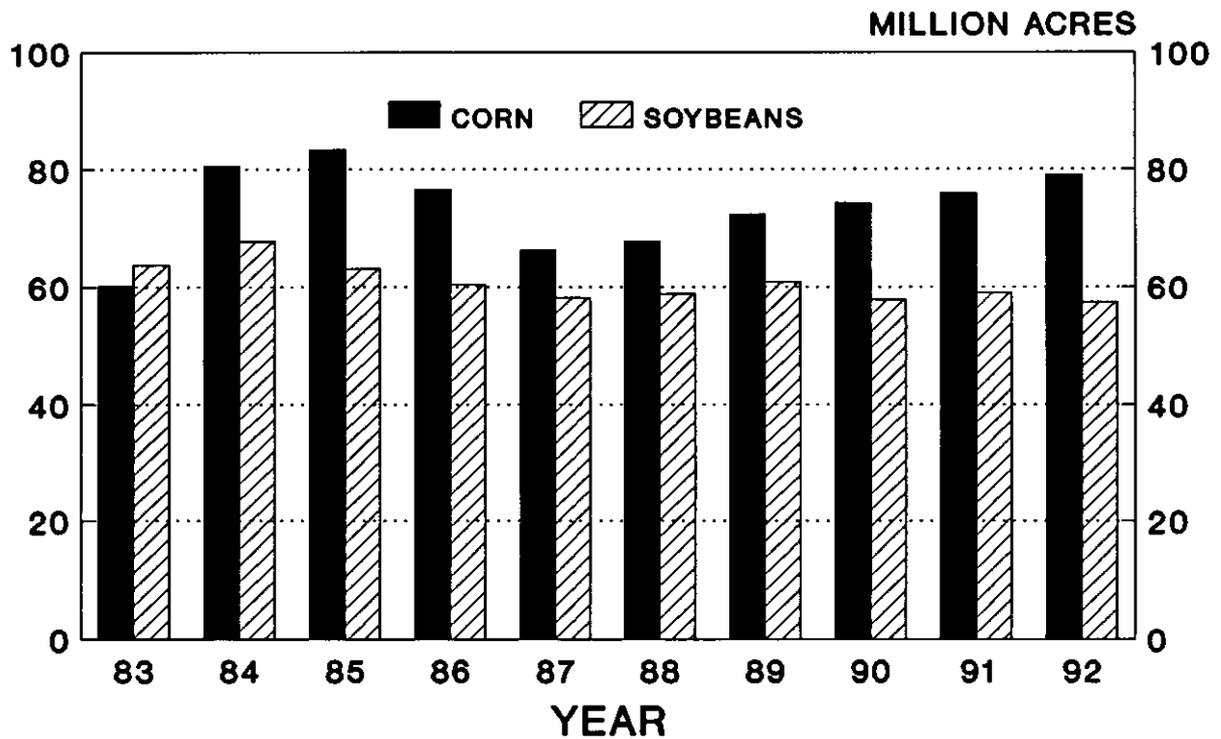
Sugarbeets: Area Planted, by State and United States, 1990-92 1/

State	Area Planted			
	1990	1991	1992 <u>2/</u>	1992/1991
	----- 1,000 Acres -----			Percent
CA	173.0	160.0	165.0	103
CO	40.8	39.4	40.3	102
ID	188.0	196.0	205.0	105
MI	160.0	171.0	172.0	101
MN	368.0	369.0	374.0	101
MT	55.2	56.6	56.0	99
NE	75.1	82.0	82.5	101
ND	193.9	195.0	195.0	100
OH	20.0	20.3	21.1	104
OR	17.2	18.9	21.5	114
TX	41.9	41.5	40.0	96
WY	65.0	69.0	70.0	101
Other States <u>2/</u>	2.3	2.3	1.9	83
US	1,400.4	1,421.0	1,444.3	101.6

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

2/ Includes NM and WA.

U.S. PLANTED ACRES CORN AND SOYBEANS



Corn: Farmers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1992, up 4 percent from last year and 7 percent above 1990. If realized, this would be the largest acreage since 1985.

Acreage is expected to increase in Minnesota and Iowa where excessive rainfall during the planting season last year reduced acreage. Other Corn Belt States also show increases, reflecting the set-a-side reduction in government program acres.

Large percentage increases are expected in the Southeast, as corn prices are more favorable when compared to other crops.

Sorghum: Growers intend to plant 12.1 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1992, up 10 percent from 1991. Kansas and North Carolina are the only States with lower intended plantings than last season. Acreage in Texas is expected to be up 500,000 acres from 1991. Nebraska's intended sorghum acreage is up 250,000 acres. Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and South Dakota intentions are up 50,000 acres or more. Kansas is down 100,000 acres.

Planting is in full swing in most parts of south Texas, and is progressing rapidly in central Texas with drying weather conditions. Overall, planting progress trails last year because of a wet winter.

Oats: Producers plan to seed or have seeded a total of 8.34 million acres of oats for 1992, down 4 percent from the 8.65 million acres seeded for 1991. Oat acreage seeded is expected to decline in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Texas but increase in North Dakota. The Iowa acreage is expected to be the same as last year.

Growers intend to harvest 4.91 million acres for grain in 1992. This would be 2 percent more than the 4.80 million acres harvested in 1991. Iowa and North Dakota producers expect to harvest more acres than last year, while Minnesota growers intend to harvest less acreage than a year earlier.

All Wheat: Area planted for 1992 is expected to total 70.1 million acres, up less than 1 percent from 1991.

Winter Wheat: Planted area for 1992 is 50.3 million acres, off 1 percent from 1991. The current total is fractionally higher than that published in the "Winter Wheat and Rye Seedings" report, released January 10, 1992, mainly as a result of additional acreage recorded in California.

December through February precipitation was above normal for most of Kansas. Southern stands broke dormancy and started jointing well ahead of schedule. Some acreage may have been hurt by the March 9-10 cold snap. Favorable moisture and mild temperatures have promoted good growth across most of Texas; and the crop is jointing in the Plains. The mild weather has Montana's wheat breaking dormancy earlier than normal; lack of moisture is a concern. Late January and most of February were warm and dry in Wyoming, stressing the crop.

Freeze damage on the winter wheat crop has occurred in parts of Indiana, especially in central and northwestern counties. The cold has fostered crown rot. Farmers have been evaluating their fields since green-up started in early March; many may go to another crop. Late seeding and an early winter curtailed development of Ohio's wheat; however, little winterkill has been reported.

Durum Wheat: Area seeded for 1992 is expected to total 2.54 million acres, down 22 percent from 1991. This would be the smallest area devoted to durum wheat since 1970. Some of the intended durum area in California's Imperial Valley went to winter wheat. No water shortages are expected for the remaining acres. Harvest should start in late May.

Northern durum State's (the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Montana) acres are down 24 percent. Montana growers intend to seed more acreage this year than last since the moisture situation is improved over a year ago. North Dakota's acreage, if realized, would be the lowest since 1983.

Other Spring Wheat: Area planted for 1992 is expected to exceed 17.2 million acres, up 10 percent from 1991. Acreage is equal to last year or up in all States except Montana, Nevada, and Washington. North Dakota's acreage would be the highest level since 1952. Dry soils and below average precipitation have kept Montana's intended acreage off from 1991. Washington's acreage will be down substantially. Last year over a million acres were seeded on failed winter wheat acres.

Barley: Producers intend to seed 8.31 million acres of barley in 1992, down 7 percent from the 8.94 million acres seeded last year. Growers in North Dakota expect to plant 2.90 million acres, the same as last year. Montana producers intend to seed 1.60 million acres, 11 percent less than a year earlier.

Soybeans: Soybean plantings are projected at 57.4 million acres this year, 3 percent below 1991, and if realized, the lowest since 1976.

In the Corn Belt, decreases are primarily attributed to projected increases in corn plantings in 1992. Iowa, in particular, intends to plant 600,000 fewer acres in 1992, which is a return to a more normal corn-soybean mixture after an unusually late 1991 corn planting season.

In other areas where acreage is expected to decline, growers are opting to look at alternative crops or even to allow previous soybean acreage to lay idle in 1992. Marginal soybean prices over the past few years has been cited as the major cause.

Louisiana, after an extremely late planting year in 1991 that kept farmers from planting all of their crop, is rebounding to some extent in 1992 but is well below 1990 plantings.

Of the 29 estimating States, growers in 18 intend to plant fewer acres of soybeans in 1992; eight intend to plant more acres; and three are unchanged from 1991 levels.

Rice: Rice growers intend to seed nearly 3.00 million acres to rice this year, an increase of 5 percent from last year. An 8 percent increase indicated for long grain acreage more than offset declines shown for medium grain acreage, down 3 percent, and short grain acreage, down 27 percent. Intentions are up in all 6 estimating States, as no acreage is required to be idled under the Acreage Reduction Program. Water supplies have improved in California and demand for water has diminished, alleviating some concerns of last year.

Sunflower: Growers intend to plant 2.21 million acres of oil and non-oil sunflower types in 1992, 20 percent below 1991. Of the total, 1.84 million acres are oil types and 367,000 acres are non-oil types.

Growers are generally pessimistic about sunflower prices in 1992, as vegetable oil stocks are expected to be plentiful by the end of the 1991-92 marketing year. Furthermore, growers are opting to plant more spring wheat in 1992 than in 1991, displacing acreage previously planted to sunflower.

Flaxseed: Flaxseed plantings in 1992 are expected to total 246,000 acres, 30 percent below 1991 and the second lowest on record, if realized.

Flaxseed prices have been a factor in growers' intentions, as well as more acreage being planted to spring wheat.

Sweetpotatoes: U.S. growers intend to plant 83.3 thousand acres of sweetpotatoes this year, up 3 percent from last year but 11 percent below 1990. Nine of the eleven estimating States are expecting the same or higher acreage than was planted last year.

Southern States lead the increases, with Mississippi highest at a 13 percent increase and neighboring Louisiana up 12 percent. Alabama and Texas are also up. From Georgia north to New Jersey, growers plan the same acreage as last year, except in South Carolina, where plantings will be down 7 percent. California growers are looking at a 1 percent decline, partly because of higher input costs. Farmers across the South are busy preparing hot beds for the coming season. Field work is slow in Alabama and Texas where recent rains have soaked fields, although, some early fields have already been planted. Louisiana growers are planting seed beds for slips to be transplanted in fields.

Peanuts: Producers intend to plant 1.86 million acres of peanuts this year, down 9 percent from the 1991 planted area of 2.04 million acres and 1 percent above the 1990 acreage. The Southeast region shows the largest decrease in planted acres.

Southeast growers (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina) expect to plant 1.15 million acres. This level represents a 13 percent decrease from 1991 and 1 percent below the 1990 acreage.

Producers in the Virginia-North Carolina region intend to plant 258,000 acres of peanuts this year. If realized, this acreage will be a 2 percent decrease from the 262,000 acres planted in both 1991 and 1990.

The acreage intended to be planted in the Southwest (New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) is estimated at 457,000 acres. This region's plantings will be down 1 percent from 1991 but 8 percent above the 1990 acreage.

Dry Beans: Farmers intend to plant 1.50 million acres of dry beans in 1992, down 22 percent from last year and 31 percent below 1990. Low prices have discouraged planting dry beans in all major producing States. Nebraska and Idaho recorded the largest acreage drops of major States at 35 percent and 34 percent, respectively.

California growers expect to cut back on dry bean acres because of low demand and no contracts from dealers. Irrigation water, still short in reservoirs, is also a concern. Oregon producers also cite impending water shortages as a reason for their acreage cutbacks. Farmers in Idaho expect to reduce acreage one-third and in Washington they expect to be 30 percent below last year's level because of low demand and the availability of alternate crops. The four Western Plains States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming, with a combined total of 355,000 acres intended, are down 25 percent from last year. North Dakota growers plan to be down 19 percent; Minnesota down 28 percent; and Michigan growers plan for a 20 percent decline. Acreage reductions of 12 percent or less are intended in the smaller producing States of Texas, New Mexico, Montana, Wisconsin, and New York. Utah intends to plant the same area as last year.

All Hay: Producers expect to harvest 60.7 million acres of hay in 1992, down 3 percent from the 62.6 million acres harvested in 1991. If intentions are realized, the 1992 harvested acreage would be the smallest since 1987. A generally mild winter has left many growers with higher hay stocks than last year. A larger carryover of hay, coupled with generally good moisture supplies going into the 1992 crop year, have resulted in a lower harvested acreage expectation for 1992.

Cotton: Area planted to all cotton for 1992 is expected to total 13.5 million acres, 5 percent below the 1991 plantings but 9 percent above the 1990 planted area. Upland acreage is expected to total 13.2 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Growers intend to increase their plantings of American-Pima cotton to 251,000 acres, up 2 percent from last year and 9 percent above 1990 acreage.

Upland growers in the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) intend to plant 4.12 million acres. This level is 1 percent above 1991 and 15 percent above two years ago. Seedbed preparation for the crop is underway in Arkansas but wet fields slowed progress.

Texas and Oklahoma producers expect to plant 6.28 million acres, an 8 percent decrease from 1991. Planting is underway in the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas following a wet winter. Pre-planting preparations have begun on the Plains.

In the Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina), cotton acreage is estimated at 1.47 million acres, 3 percent below 1991.

Area planted to upland cotton in the Western States (Arizona, California, and New Mexico) at 1.29 million acres, dropped 8 percent below last year. Planting continues in Arizona but was slowed because of precipitation and low temperatures. Progress in California was restricted to limited areas also due to wet conditions.

California is expected to increase American-Pima acreage to 75,000 acres, up 25 percent from 1991. Texas and Arizona acreages are expected to decrease by 17 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

Tobacco: Growers intend to harvest 770,150 acres of tobacco in 1992. If these plans are realized, the area harvested will exceed 1991 by 1 percent. This acreage would be the largest harvest since 1984. In the 16 tobacco producing States, this year's intentions are up in nine States, unchanged in one, and down in six States.

Flue-cured growers plan to harvest 407,100 acres of tobacco. This level represents a 1 percent increase from last year but is 2 percent below two years ago. Flue-cured tobacco represents 53 percent of this year's all tobacco acreage, unchanged from last year. North Carolina, with 267,000 acres, has 66 percent of the flue-cured area, the same percentage as in 1991.

Burley tobacco growers expect to harvest 315,800 acres, 2 percent more than one year ago and 17 percent more than two years ago. Kentucky, with approximately 68 percent of the burley area to be harvested, is 1 percent above a year ago.

Acreage of Maryland type tobacco, at 10,700 acres, is expected to be off 4 percent from last year and unchanged from two years ago. Dark fire-cured types are estimated at 16,130 acres, up 1 percent from 1991 and 4 percent higher than 1990. Growers expect to harvest 4,630 acres of dark air-cured tobacco, 4 percent above a year earlier and 33 percent larger than the 1990 area harvested.

The prospective acreage of all cigar type tobacco, at 15,790 acres, is down 3 percent from 1991 but 1 percent above 1990. Compared with last year, filler area for harvest is unchanged, binder down 2 percent, and wrapper shows a 25 percent loss.

Sugarbeets: Area planted to sugarbeets for 1992 is expected to total 1.44 million acres in the 14 producing States. If grower intentions are realized, planted acreage will be up 2 percent from last year and the highest sugarbeet planted acres since 1976.

In the five leading producing States, Minnesota is expected to have 374,000 acres, Idaho 205,000 acres, North Dakota 195,000 acres, Michigan 172,000 acres, and California 165,000 acres. The expected acreages in these five States are above 1991, with the exception of North Dakota which expects no change from last year. Fall planted acreage in the Imperial Valley of California is progressing normally. Spring planting in the Central Valley is just getting underway. Heavy rains in February improved moisture conditions considerably but surface water supplies are expected to be extremely tight this summer.

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 70,000 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 1992 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 1991 surveys. This provides a measure of change by crop between 1991 and 1992. The direct expansion for the March survey is divided by the direct expansion from the 1991 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, farm program legislation, 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 this "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 "Acreage" release scheduled for June 30, 1992. 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 11, 1992, 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 production forecasts 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 1972-1991 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 2.2 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current acreage estimate of 79.0 million acres will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.2 percent or approximately 1,738 acres. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence level) that the difference will not exceed 3.8 percent or approximately 3,002 million acres.

Also, shown in the table is a 10-year record for selected crops of the difference between the "Prospective Plantings" planted acres estimate 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 1,237 acres ranging from 633 acres to 2,878 acres. The prospective plantings estimates have been below the final estimate 3 times and above 7 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 Between Mid-Year and Final Estimates					
	Percent	90% Percent Confidence Level	Thousand Acres	Average	Small	Large	Below Final	Above Final	Years
Corn	2.2	3.8	3,002	1,237	633	2,878	3	7	
Sorghum	5.2	9.0	1,090	615	88	2,438	4	6	
Oats	8.4	14.6	1,217	1,073	236	2,429	3	7	
Barley	5.3	9.2	765	495	102	1,369	4	6	
Spring Wheat	5.7	9.9	1,706	821	167	2,034	7	3	
Soybeans	3.6	6.2	3,560	1,503	0	5,046	5	4	
Upland									
Cotton	6.5	11.3	1,496	538	86	1,354	5	5	

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