



ALABAMA FARM FACTS

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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The Alabama Statistics Service conducted the March Agriculture Survey to determine planted acreage intentions for the 2007 growing season. Corn and soybeans, two of Alabama's four leading row crops, showed significant increases in planted acreage, while cotton and peanut acreage decreased from 2006. Planting intentions for **corn** showed the most increase of all row crops, up 50 percent from last year at 300,000 acres. **Soybean** acres increased 19 percent from last year to 190,000 acres, up 10 percent from 5 year average. **Peanut** acres are forecast at 160,000, down 5,000 acres from 2006. **Cotton** acres at 450,000 are down 22 percent from last year. **Winter wheat** acreage is estimated at 130,000 acres which is up 30,000 acres from the 2006 crop. **Hay** acreage intended for harvest at 900,000 acres, is up 25 percent from last year, and up 15 percent from 5 year average. **Sorghum** growers are expected to plant 10,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **Oats** planted acres are estimated at 40,000, down 10,000 acres from last year. **Sweet potato** intentions are 2,500 acres, up 100 acres from last year. Director, Herb Vanderberry, commented, "March 1 survey gives us a glimpse of what farmers expect to plant for 2007. From the drought of last year, many farmers are intending to plant more acreage to make up from their loss of last year. Weather conditions during the growing season, cost and availability of production inputs, and market prices are all factors in determining which crops and how much acreage our diligent Alabama farmers will actually plant for 2007." The Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service will conduct the June Agriculture Survey to determine the actual acreage planted for each crop.

Alabama and United States: Prospective Plantings for 2007

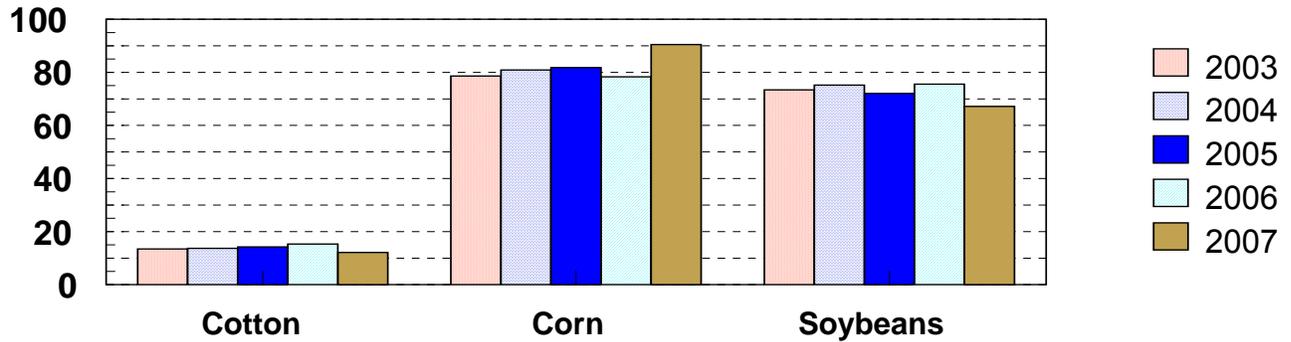
Crop	Alabama				United States			
	2005	2006	Indicated 2007	2007 as Percent of 2006	2005	2006	Indicated 2007	2007 as Percent of 2006
	- 1,000 Acres Planted -				- 1,000 Acres Planted -			
	- Percent -				- Percent -			
Cotton	550	575	450	78	14,245	15,274	12,147	80
Corn	220	200	300	150	81,779	78,327	90,454	115
Soybeans	150	160	190	119	72,032	75,522	67,140	89
Peanuts	225	165	160	97	1,657	1,243	1,197	96
Grain Sorghum	10	10	10	100	6,454	6,522	7,109	109
Winter Wheat 1/	100	100	130	130	40,433	40,575	44,505	110
Hay 2/	730	720	900	125	61,729	60,807	63,056	104
Oats	50	50	40	80	4,246	4,168	4,029	97
Sweet Potatoes	2.7	2.4	2.5	104	91.0	95.6	92.9	97

1/ Planted previous fall. 2/ Acres for harvest.

United States Crop Acreage

Five Year Comparison (2003-2007)

Million Acres



ITEM	UNITED STATES		2007/2006
	2006	2007	
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT
ALL HOGS & PIGS	60,326	61,103	101
KEPT FOR BREEDING	6,025	6,081	101
SOWS FARROWED (DEC-FEB)	2,840	2,874	101
PIGS PER LITTER (DEC-FEB)	9.03	9.08	101
PIG CROP (DEC-FEB)	25,661	26,084	102
TOTAL MARKET HOGS	54,301	55,022	101
UNDER 60 POUNDS	19,988	20,265	101
60-119 POUNDS	13,006	13,086	101
120-179 POUNDS	11,434	11,423	100
180+ POUNDS	9,874	10,248	104

