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### All wheat planted up 18 percent

All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.46 million acres, up 18 percent from last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Spring wheat plantings are expected to be 540,000 acres, 15 percent more than last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 900,000 acres, increased 20 percent from the 2007 crop. Durum wheat seedings are expected to total 15,000 acres, unchanged from 2007. Idaho farmers intend to seed 300,000 acres of field corn in 2008, down 3 percent from last year's record high. Barley seedings are expected to total 550,000 acres, down 4 percent from last season's 570,000 acres. Oat seedings are expected to be 80,000 acres, up 14 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions decreased 11 percent from last year to 80,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include chickpeas, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Chickpea planting intentions totaled 28,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2007. All hay harvested, at 1.50 million acres, is unchanged from 2007. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 144,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year's 169,000 acres planted and the lowest level since 1982. Lentil acreage is expected to be 35,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2007. Dry edible pea acreage, at 30,000 acres, is expected to be up 20 percent from last year. Austrian winter pea acres are expected to total 4,000 acres, down 33 percent from 2007.

Nationally, producers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from last year when corn planted area was the highest since 1944. Growers intend to plant 14.3 million acres of spring wheat this year, up 8 percent from 2007. Winter wheat seedings totaled 46.8 million acres, up 4 percent from the 2007 crop. Area seeded to durum wheat is expected to total 2.63 million acres, up 22 percent from 2007. All wheat planted area is expected to total 63.8 million acres for the 2008 crop, up 6 percent from 2007. Barley growers intend to seed 4.15 million acres for 2008, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth lowest barley planted acreage on record. Acres seeded to oats are expected to total 3.42 million acres, down 9 percent from last year and the lowest level on record. Producers expect to harvest 60.6 million acres of all hay in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. Sugarbeet acreage is expected to total 1.13 million acres, 11 percent lower than 2007. If realized, expected planted acreage will be the lowest since 1985. Area planted to dry beans is expected to total 1.40 million acres, down 8 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2006. Lentil acreage is expected to total 277,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2007. Growers intend to plant 820,000 acres of dry edible peas in 2008, down 3 percent from 2007. Austrian winter pea acreage is expected to be 25,500 acres, down 12 percent from 2007. Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.



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