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## Iowa Prospective Plantings

**Corn:** Iowa farmers intend to plant 12.5 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2006. This is down 2 percent from the 12.8 million acres planted in 2005. If realized, Iowa corn acres will account for 16 percent of the U.S. corn planted acres.

**Soybeans:** Producers intend to plant 10.4 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is up 3 percent from the previous year's planted acres. If realized, Iowa soybean acres will account for nearly 14 percent of the U.S. soybean planted acres.

**Oats:** Farmers intend to plant 210,000 acres of oats for all purposes, unchanged from last year.

**All Hay:** Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.60 million acres of hay, unchanged from last year.

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 28, with final interviews completed on March 15. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

### Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2004	2005	Indicated 2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>	2004	2005	Indicated 2006	<u>2006</u> <u>2005</u>
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	12,700	12,800	12,500	98	80,929	81,759	78,019	95
Oats	220	210	210	100	4,085	4,246	4,324	102
Soybeans	10,200	10,100	10,400	103	75,208	72,142	76,895	107
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	1,600	1,600	1,600	100	61,966	61,649	61,478	100
Wheat, all	28	20	25	125	59,674	57,229	57,128	100

<sup>1</sup> Acres for harvest.

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