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Prospective Plantings

Corn: Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.2 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2008. This is down 1.0 million acres from 2007. The 1.0 million acre decrease is the largest year-to-year decrease since 1995.

Soybeans: Producers intend to plant 9.8 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is up 1.25 million acres from the previous year's planted acres. If realized, this would be the second highest year-to-year increase in soybean acres.

Oats: Farmers intend to plant 160,000 acres of oats for all purposes, up 20,000 acres from last year.

All Hay: Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.50 million acres of hay, up 20,000 from last year.

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 29, with final interviews completed on March 17. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend greatly 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			
	2006	2007	Indicated 2008	'08 as % of '07	2006	2007	Indicated 2008	'08 as % of '07
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	12,600	14,200	13,200	93	78,327	93,600	86,014	92
Oats	210	145	160	110	4,168	3,760	3,420	91
Soybeans	10,150	8,550	9,800	115	75,522	63,631	74,793	118
Hay, all ¹	1,500	1,480	1,500	101	60,927	61,625	60,583	98
Wheat, all	25	35	45	129	57,344	60,433	63,803	106

¹ Acres for harvest.

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