



# CROPS

## Kansas Agricultural Statistics

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### Prospective Plantings

Kansas growers expect to plant 19.7 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), unchanged from 2007. **Wheat** seeded in the fall of 2007 totaled 9.9 million acres, unchanged from the December forecast but down 5 percent from the previous year.

**Corn** planting intentions totaled 3.90 million, unchanged from the 2007 acreage. **Soybean** planted acreage is expected to be 3.20 million acres, up 23 percent from last year. If realized, this would be a record. **Sorghum** acreage expected to be planted, at 2.70 million acres, is down 4 percent from a year ago. **Oat** seedings are expected to be down 22 percent from 2007 at 70,000 acres. **Barley** seedings, at 25,000 acres, are up 5,000 from last year.

**Sunflower** acreage to be planted, at 195,000 acres, is up 13 percent from last year. Oil-type varieties account for 170,000 of the sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 25,000 acres. **Dry beans**, at 7,000 acres, are up 500 acres from the previous year. **All hay** for harvest, at 2.80 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2007. **Cotton** is expected to be planted on 45,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from last year.

#### PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS - MARCH 1, 2008

Crop	Acreage Planted or to be Planted					
	Kansas			United States		
	2007	Prospective 2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	Prospective 2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Wheat, All	10,400	9,900	95	60,433	63,803	106
Winter	10,400	9,900	95	44,987	46,840	104
Durum	-	-	-	2,149	2,630	122
Other Spring	-	-	-	13,297	14,333	108
Sorghum, All	2,800	2,700	96	7,718	7,415	96
Corn, All	3,900	3,900	100	93,600	86,014	92
Soybeans	2,600	3,200	123	63,631	74,793	118
Oats	90	70	78	3,760	3,420	91
Barley	20	25	125	4,020	4,147	103
Hay, All <sup>1</sup>	2,900	2,800	97	61,625	60,583	98
Sunflowers, All	172	195	113	2,068	2,153	104
Beans, Dry Edible	6.5	7.0	108	1,526.9	1,398.5	92
Cotton, All	47.0	45.0	96	10,830.3	9,389.6	87

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

### U.S. Prospective Plantings

**Corn** growers 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. Expected acreage is down from last year in most States as favorable prices for other crops, high input costs for corn, and crop rotation considerations are motivating some farmers to plant fewer acres to corn. Despite the decrease, corn acreage is expected to remain at historically high levels as the corn price outlook remains strong due in part to the continued expansion in ethanol production. **Soybean** producers intend to plant 74.8 million acres in 2008, up 18 percent from last year, but 1 percent below the record high acreage in 2006. Acreage increases are expected in all States, except in West Virginia, which is unchanged from last year. The largest increases are expected in Iowa and Nebraska, up 1.25 million acres and 1.20 million acres from 2007, respectively. Increases of at least 800,000 acres are also expected in Indiana, Minnesota, and South Dakota. If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record. **All wheat** planted area is estimated at 63.8 million acres, up 6 percent from 2007. The 2008 **Winter wheat** planted area, at 46.8 million acres, is 4 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 32.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 10.7 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.63 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2008 is expected to total 14.3 million acres, up 8 percent from 2007. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended **Durum** planted area for 2008 is 2.63 million acres, up 22 percent from the previous year. **All cotton** plantings for 2008 are expected to total 9.39 million acres, 13 percent below last year. **Upland** acreage is expected to total 9.19 million, down 13 percent from last year, the lowest since 1983. Growers intend to decrease planted area in all States except Georgia and Oklahoma. The largest acreage declines are in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. **American-Pima cotton** growers intend to decrease their plantings by 30 percent from 2007, to 203,600 acres. California producers expect to plant 180,000 acres, down 31 percent from last year.

### Grain Stocks

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions totaled 114.4 million bushels on March 1, down 36 percent from December 2007 and 1 percent less than last March. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 110.7 million bushels and accounted for 97 percent of the total. On-farm stocks totaled 3.7 million bushels, down from 6.5 million bushels last March, and the lowest Kansas March 1, on-farm wheat stocks level on record.

**Sorghum grain** in all positions totaled 111.5 million bushels, down 33 percent from December 2007, but was 51 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 94.5 million bushels and on-farm stocks totaled 17.0 million bushels.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations, at 251.0 million bushels, were down 32 percent from December, but 33 percent higher than last March. Off-farm stocks, at 184.0 million bushels, accounted for 73 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks, at 67.0 million bushels, were up 26 percent from the 2007 March stocks.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations totaled 53.9 million bushels, down 43 percent from December and 17 percent below the March 2007 level. Off-farm stocks, at 45.9 million bushels, accounted for 85 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks, at 8.0 million bushels, were down from 17.0 million last year.

Off-farm **oat** stocks totaled 385,000 bushels, down 34 percent from December and 23 percent below March 2007. Stocks of **barley** in off-farm facilities totaled 20,000 bushels, down from the 25,000 bushels in December and 39,000 bushels last March.