



PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS & GRAIN STOCKS

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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.

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.