



INTENDED MINNESOTA CORN ACREAGE UP 8 PERCENT FROM 2006

(NOTE: The acreage that farmers actually plant in Minnesota and the U.S. may change from those published in this report due to many factors, including availability of credit, commodity prices, changing weather conditions, and the availability of inputs at the time producers must make final planting decisions.)

CORN growers in Minnesota intend to plant an estimated 7.9 million acres for all purposes, up 8 percent from last year. If realized, corn planted would be 3 percent above the record level of 7.7 million acres in 1981, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office.

SOYBEAN growers intend to plant an estimated 6.7 million acres, down 9 percent from the planted acreage in 2006. The record high was set in 2003 with 7.5 million acres planted.

SPRING WHEAT planting intentions are estimated at 1.65 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. If realized, spring wheat acreage would be the lowest since 1972.

SUGARBEET planting intentions, of 482,000 acres, are down 22,000 acres from last year.

OAT planting intentions, at 300,000 acres, are up 3 percent from last year.

BARLEY planting intentions fell 5 percent from last year as farmers intend to plant 100,000 acres. If realized, barley acreage would set a record low.

ALL SUNFLOWER planting intentions, of 100,000 acres, are up 12 percent from 2006.

- **OIL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 60,000 acres, are up 5,000 acres from 2006.

- **NON-OIL SUNFLOWER** planting intentions, of 40,000, are up 6,000 acres from last year.

Crop	2006 Planted	2007 Intentions	2007/2006
	-1,000 acres-		Percent
Corn	7,300	7,900	108
Soybeans	7,350	6,700	91
All Wheat	1,750	1,710	98
Spring Wheat	1,700	1,650	97
Winter Wheat 1/	50	60	120
Oats	290	300	103
Barley	105	100	95
Dry Beans	145	135	93
Sugarbeets	504	482	96
Flaxseed	8	5	63
All Sunflower	89	100	112
Oil	55	60	109
Non-Oil	34	40	118
Canola	28	35	125
All Hay 2/	2,070	2,200	106

1/ Acres planted in preceding fall.
 2/ Harvested acres.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn Planted Acreage Up 15 Percent from 2006
Soybean Acreage Down 11 Percent
All Wheat Acreage Up 5 Percent

Corn growers intend to plant 90.5 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2007, up 15 percent from 2006 and 11 percent higher than 2005. If realized this would be the highest acreage since 1944, when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. Expected acreage is up in nearly all States as high corn prices are encouraging farmers to plant more acres to corn. The increase in intended corn acres is partially offset by lower expected acres of soybeans in the Corn Belt and Great Plains and fewer expected acres of cotton and rice in the Delta and Southeast. Illinois farmers intend to plant a record high 12.9 million acres of corn this spring, up 1.60 million acres from last year. North Dakota and Minnesota growers also expect to plant record high corn acres, up 910,000 and 600,000 acres, respectively.

Soybean producers intend to plant 67.1 million acres in 2007, down 11 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest planted area since 1996. Acreage decreases are expected in all growing areas, except in New York and the Southeast. Large decreases in soybean acreage are expected across the Corn Belt, with the largest decline expected in Illinois, down 1.40 million acres from 2006. However, area planted to soybeans is expected to increase in the Southeast, with Georgia expecting the largest increase from last year at 95,000 acres. Planted acreage in New York is expected to be the largest on record at 210,000 acres.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 60.3 million acres, up 5 percent from 2006. The 2007 winter wheat planted area, at 44.5 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 31.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.66 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.92 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2007 is expected to total 13.8 million acres, down 7 percent from 2006. Of this total, about 13.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2007 is 1.99 million acres, up 6 percent from the previous year.