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2012 Mississippi Peanut Acreage up Sharply

The National Agricultural Statistics Service released their national planting intentions today. **Peanut** growers intend to plant 50,000 acres, up 233 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the highest on record since the 1943 total of 56,000 acres. **Cotton** producers intend to plant 580,000 acres this year, down 8 percent from the previous year.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 1.75 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. **Corn** producers intend to plant 900,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year. **Rice** farmers in Mississippi intend plant 135,000 acres, down 16 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest planted acreage since 1977. Farmers intend to plant 80,000 acres of **sorghum**, up 54 percent from last year. **Sweet Potato** growers intend to plant 23,000 acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. **Winter wheat** seedings for 2012 are estimated at 480,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year.

Nationally, **Cotton** producers intend to plant 13.2 million acres in 2012, down 11 percent from the previous year. Other selected crop acreage national intentions and comparisons to the previous year are as follows: **Soybeans** – 73.9 million acres in 2012, down 1 percent; **Corn** – 95.9 million planted acres, up 4 percent; **All Rice** – 2.56 million planted acres, down 5 percent; **Winter Wheat** – 41.7 million planted acres, up 3 percent; **Sorghum** – 5.95 million planted acres, up 9 percent; **Sweet Potatoes** – 133,400 planted acres, down 1 percent; and **Peanuts** – 1.42 million planted acres, up 25 percent.

March Crop Acreage Intentions, Mississippi and United States,
2012 With 2011 Comparisons

Crop	Area Planted	To Be Planted	2012/2011
	2011	2012 ¹	
	1,000 Acres		Percent
Mississippi			
Soybeans	1,820	1,750	96
All Cotton	630.0	580.0	92
Rice, All	160	135	84
Sorghum, All Purposes	52	80	154
Corn, All Purposes	810	900	111
Hay, All ²	720	750	104
Winter Wheat	360	480	133
Sweet Potatoes	24.0	23.0	96
Peanuts	15.0	50.0	333
United States			
Soybeans	74,976	73,902	99
All Cotton	14,732.4	13,155.0	89
Rice, All	2,689	2,561	95
Sorghum, All Purposes	5,481	5,950	109
Corn, All Purposes	91,921	95,864	104
Hay, All ²	55,633	57,348	103
Winter Wheat	40,646	41,709	103
Sweet Potatoes	134.2	133.4	99
Peanuts	1,140.6	1,422.0	125

¹ Intended plantings in 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2012 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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