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New Jersey's March 1, 2007 Prospective Plantings

As of March 1, 2007, New Jersey farmers expect to plant more acreage of corn, wheat, and sweet potatoes. Barley acreage remained unchanged from the previous year. Soybean growers intend to plant less acreage than 2006.

Corn planted acreage is expected to total 90,000, up 10,000 acres from 2006 and 2005.

Barley planted acreage is expected to total 3,000, unchanged from 2006 and 2005.

All hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 120,000, up 5,000 acres from a year ago.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 80,000, down 8,000 acres from last year and 15,000 acres from two years ago.

Sweet potato acreage is expected to total 1,200 acres, unchanged from 2006, 2005 and 2004.

Winter wheat seeding for the 2007 season totaled 31,000, up 3,000 acres from December and 6,000 acres from a year ago.

Prospective Plantings Compared to 2006 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2007

	New Jersey			US		
	2006	2007 ^{1/}	% Change	2006	2007 ^{1/}	% Change
	--- 1,000 acres ---			--- 1,000 acres ---		
Barley	3	3	NC	3,452	3,703	7
Corn	80	90	13	78,327	90,454	15
Hay, All ^{2/}	115	120	4	60,807	63,056	4
Soybeans	88	80	-9	75,522	67,140	-11
Sweet Potato	1.2	1.2	NC	95.6	92.9	-3
Winter Wheat ^{3/}	25	31	24	40,575	44,505	10

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{2/} Intended area harvested for 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{3/} Winter wheat was planted last fall.

NC = No change.