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New Jersey's Prospective Plantings

New Jersey: As of March 1, 2010, New Jersey farmers expect to plant more acreage of soybeans, while corn, hay, and sweet potato acreage remained unchanged from the previous year.

- **Corn** planted acreage is expected to total 80,000, unchanged from 2009.
- **All hay** acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 110,000, unchanged from 2009.
- **Soybeans** planted acreage is expected to total 90,000, up 1,000 acres from last year.
- **Sweet potato** acreage is expected to total 1,200 acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Winter wheat** seeding for the 2010 season totaled 32,000, down 2,000 acres from a year ago.

U.S.: U.S. farmers plan to plant a record-high 78.1 million acres to soybeans in 2010, up 1 percent from last year's previous record. Corn planted area is expected to increase 3 percent, to 88.8 million acres. If realized, this would be the second-largest area planted to corn since 1947, behind 2007. The area planted to winter wheat, 37.7 million acres, is expected to be down 13 percent from last year.

Prospective Plantings Compared to 2009 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2010

	New Jersey			US		
	2009	2010 ¹	% Change	2009	2010 ¹	% Change
	--- 1,000 acres ---			--- 1,000 acres ---		
Corn	80	80	NC	86,482	88,798	3
Hay, All²	110	110	NC	59,755	60,460	1
Soybeans	89	90	1	77,451	78,098	1
Sweet Potato	1.2	1.2	NC	109.6	117.1	7
Winter Wheat³	34	32	(6)	43,311	37,698	(13)

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2010 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{2/} Intended area harvested for 2010 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{3/} Includes plantings from last fall.

NC = No change.

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