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NEW JERSEY CORN PLANTED ACREAGE DOWN 5,000 ACRES

The New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service in Trenton recently surveyed about 450 Garden State farmers as a part of a national survey to determine row crop and small grain acreage planted for harvest this year. Row crop conditions on June 4, 2006, were fair to good across the state with top soil moisture supplies rated short to adequate in most areas. Days suitable for field work averaged five to six days per week for the time period from May 28, 2006, through June 4, 2006. Total planted acreage devoted to corn in 2006, was down 6 percent from last year. Soybeans planted acreage was unchanged from 2005. Acreage seeded to barley for the 2006 crop year remained the same at 3,000 acres. Wheat planted acreage was down 18 percent from 2005. Acreage cut for dry hay was unchanged from previous year. Sweet potato planted acreage was down 8 percent from 2005. Summer potato planted acreage was up 5 percent from the previous year.

Planted and Harvested Acres of Principal Crops, June 1

Crop	Planted For All Purposes				Intended For Harvest 1/			
	2004	2005	2006	% Change from 2005	2004	2005	2006	% Change from 2005
New Jersey	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Barley	3	3	3	NC	2	2	2	NC
Corn	86	80	75	(6)	72	62	62	NC
All Hay	--	--	--	--	120	115	115	NC
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	30	25	25	NC
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	90	90	90	NC
Summer Potatoes	2.3	2.1	2.2	5	2.2	2.1	2.2	5
Sweet Potatoes	1.2	1.2	1.1	(8)	1.2	1.2	1.1	(8)
Soybeans	105	95	95	NC	103	91	92	1
Winter Wheat	28	28	23	(18)	24	23	19	(17)
United States	- 1,000 acres -				- 1,000 acres -			
Barley	4,527	3,875	3,496	(10)	4,021	3,269	2,990	(9)
Corn	80,929	81,759	79,366	(3)	73,631	75,107	72,091	(4)
All Hay	--	--	--	--	61,966	61,649	62,697	2
Alfalfa Hay	--	--	--	--	21,707	22,389	22,407	<1
Other Hay	--	--	--	--	40,259	39,260	40,290	3
Summer Potatoes	58.4	53.4	57.8	8	53.9	51.4	56.1	9
Sweet Potatoes	96.9	91.0	96.0	5	92.8	88.4	93.4	6
Soybeans	75,208	72,142	74,930	4	73,958	71,361	73,935	4
Winter Wheat	43,350	40,433	41,393	2	34,462	33,794	31,108	(8)

1/ Harvested for principal use, i.e., grain, beans, etc.