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**SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
2006 PROSPECTIVE
PLANTINGS**

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MARCH 2006 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

*This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **MARCH AGRICULTURAL SURVEY** conducted the first week of March. Data users are reminded that this report includes **INTENTIONS** to plant for all purposes. Actual acreage planted may vary. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.*

Sincerely,

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Director

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

NEW MEXICO: **Corn** growers intend to plant 125,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2006, down 11 percent from 2005. **Sorghum** acres remain unchanged at 120,000 acres to be planted. **Winter wheat** planted acreage is expected to be 10,000 acres less than last year at 440,000 acres. **Peanut** intended plantings are down 10 percent to 87,000 acres. **Upland cotton** growers intend to plant 55,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. **Pima cotton** growers plan to plant 11,000 acres this year, down 500 acres from 2005. **All hay** to be harvested this year is down 20,000 acres to 310,000 acres.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** growers intend to plant 78.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2006, down 5 percent from 2005 and 4 percent below 2004. If realized, this will be the lowest corn acreage since 2001 when 75.7 million acres were planted for all purposes. **All wheat** planted area is expected to total 57.1 million acres, down slightly from 2005. **All cotton** plantings for 2006 are expected to total 14.6 million acres, 3 percent above last year. **Upland** acreage is expected to total 14.3 million, also up 3 percent. **American-Pima** cotton growers intend to increase their plantings 24 percent from 2005, to a record high 334,000 acres. **Peanut** producers intend to plant 1.39

million acres of peanuts in 2006, down 16 percent from last year. The 2006 **sorghum** area intended to be planted for all purposes is estimated at 6.48 million acres, up fractionally from 2005. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 61.5 million acres of all hay in 2006, down fractionally from 2005.

Crop Summary, Acres Planted, New Mexico and U.S., 2005-2006

	New Mexico				United States			
	2004	2005	2006 ^{1/}	2006/2005	2004	2005	2006 ^{1/}	2006/2005
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----1,000 Acres-----			
	--Percent--				--Percent--			
Corn	125	140	125	89	80,929	81,759	78,019	95
Sorghum	140	120	120	100	7,486	6,454	6,483	100
Oats	---	---	---	---	4,085	4,246	4,324	102
Barley	---	---	---	---	4,527	3,875	3,667	95
All Wheat	490	450	440	98	59,674	57,229	57,128	100
Winter	490	450	440	98	43,350	40,433	41,404	102
Other Spring	---	---	---	---	13,763	14,036	13,899	99
Soybeans	---	---	---	---	75,208	72,142	76,895	107
Peanuts	105.0	97.0	87.0	90	1,430.0	1,657.0	1,391.0	84
All Cotton	78.6	67.5	66.0	98	13,658.6	14,195.4	14,634.0	103
Upland	68.0	56.0	55.0	98	13,409.0	13,925.0	14,300.0	103
A-P	10.6	11.5	11.0	96	249.6	270.4	334.0	124
All Hay ^{2/}	330	330	310	94	61,966	61,649	61,478	100

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2006 as indicated by reports from farmers. ^{2/} Intended area harvested in 2006 as indicated by reports from farmers.

GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 6.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 4.06 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.93 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago. The December 2005 - February 2006 indicated disappearance is 2.83 billion bushels, compared with 2.70 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 972 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 256 million bushels, down 16 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 716 million bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. The December 2005 - February 2006 indicated disappearance is 457 million bushels, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 193 million bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 25.9 million bushels, are down 22 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 167 million bushels, are down 2 percent from a year earlier. The December 2005 - February 2006 indicated disappearance from all positions is 97.5 million bushels, up 24 percent from the same period last year.

U.S. Grain Stocks, By Position and Month 2005-2006

Date	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions
	-----1,000 Bushels-----					
	CORN					
Mar 1	4,137,000	2,619,334	6,756,334	4,055,334	2,932,178	6,987,178
Jun 1	2,462,300	1,858,513	4,320,813			
Sep 1	6,325,000	3,489,957	9,814,957			
Dec 1						
	SORGHUM					
Mar 1	33,400	170,122	203,522	25,900	166,939	192,839
Jun 1	16,000	97,170	113,170			
Sep 1	5,900	51,041	56,941			
Dec 1	55,000	235,376	290,376			
	ALL WHEAT					
Mar 1	304,710	679,681	984,391	256,000	716,240	972,240
Jun 1	161,275	378,825	540,100			
Sep 1	721,360	1,201,931	1,923,291			
Dec 1	513,010	916,414	1,429,424			

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.