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Planting Intentions

U.S. corn intended acreage at highest mark since 1944

The following data are the results of the National Agricultural Statistics Service's March Agricultural Survey, which asked farmers and ranchers across Oregon and the rest of the United States about their plans for the 2007 crop year. Thank you to each person who supplied data to help make this report possible. These estimates will be updated in the June Acreage Report, which will be released on June 29, 2007.

Oregon

Winter & Spring wheat planting intentions both increased by 10,000 acres, 1 percent and 8 percent respectively, from last year's final planted estimate.

The increase in intended **corn** acreage was not as apparent for Oregon growers, but still rose as intentions were up an estimated 8 percent, 4,000 acres, from 2006.

Barley intentions are up an estimated 13 percent from last year's planted acreage total of 55,000 acres.

Oats planted acreage intentions, at 55,000 acres, are up 10 percent from 2006 and 38 percent from 2005.

Dry beans and **sugarbeets** were the only two commodities with an estimated decrease for intended acreage. Sugarbeets were down 22 percent from last year's total.

Oregon growers intend to harvest an estimated 1,050,000 acres of **hay**, the same total acreage harvested in 2006.

United States

The 2007 **Winter wheat** planted area, at 44.5 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. **Spring wheat** growers intend to plant 13.8 million acres, down 7 percent from last year.

Corn growers intend to plant 90.5 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2007, up 15 percent from 2006 and 11 percent higher than 2005. If realized this would be the highest acreage since 1944, when 95.5 million acres were planted for all purposes. Expected acreage is up in nearly all States as favorable corn prices, caused by increased demand from ethanol producers and strong export sales, are encouraging farmers to plant more acres to corn.

Acres seeded and to be seeded to **oats** for the 2007 crop year are expected to total 4.03 million acres, down 3 percent from last year's planted area.

Barley growers intend to plant 3.7 million acres for 2007, up 7 percent from last year.

Producers expect to harvest 63.1 million acres of **all hay** in 2007, an increase of 4 percent from last year's 60.8 million acres.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2007 crop year is expected to total 1.29 million acres, 5 percent less than the 2006 planted acreage.

Prospective 2007 plantings of **dry beans** in the U.S. total 1.51 million acres, down 8 percent from 2006 and 2005.

Crop summary: Area planted, Oregon and United States, 2005-2007

Crop	Oregon				United States			
	Area planted ¹			2007/2006	Area planted ¹			2007/2006
	2005	2006	2007 ²		2005	2006	2007 ²	
<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Wheat, winter	830	760	770	101	40,433	40,575	44,505	110
Wheat, spring	125	120	130	108	14,036	14,899	13,808	93
Barley, all	65	55	62	113	3,875	3,452	3,703	107
Oats	40	50	55	110	4,246	4,168	4,029	97
Corn, all field	53	51	55	108	81,779	78,327	90,454	115
Hay, all ³	1,000	1,050	1,050	100	61,729	60,807	63,056	104
Dry edible beans	9	10	8.5	85	1,630	1,630	1,505	92
Sugarbeets	9.8	13.1	10.2	78	1,299.8	1,366.7	1,294.7	95

¹ Acres planted or to be planted for all purposes.

² Intended plantings in 2007 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Acres harvested or intended to be harvested.

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