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Planting Intentions

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 2008 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 30, 2008.

Oregon

Winter & Spring wheat planting intentions increased by 30,000 and 55,000 acres respectively, a 4 percent and 44 percent increase from last year's final planted estimate.

There was no change in intended **corn** acreage for Oregon growers from the 60,000 acres from 2007.

Barley intentions are up an estimated 3 percent from last year's planted acreage total of 63,000 acres.

Oats planted acreage intentions are at 40,000 acres, a 33 percent decrease from 2007 and 20 percent decrease from 2006.

Planting intentions decreased for both **dry beans** and **sugarbeets** by 25 and 32 percent respectively from 2007, and by 40 and 37 percent from 2006.

Oregon growers intend to harvest 1,010,000 acres of **hay**, an increase of 10,000 acres from 2007.

United States

The 2008 **Winter wheat** planted area of 46.8 million acres is 4 percent above last year and up 15 percent from the previous estimate. **Spring wheat** growers intend to plant 14.3 million acres, up 8 percent from last year.

Corn growers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from 2007 and 10 percent higher than 2006. Expected acreage is down from last year in most States as favorable prices for other crops, high input costs for corn, and crop rotation considerations are motivating some farmers to plant fewer acres to corn.

Growers intend to plant an estimated 3.42 million acres of **oats**, down 9 percent from the 3.76 million acres planted in 2007 and the lowest level on record.

Barley growers intend to plant 4.15 million acres for 2008, up 3 percent from last year.

Producers expect to harvest 60.6 million acres of **all hay** in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2008 crop year is expected to total 1.13 million acres, 11 percent lower than the 2007 planted acreage.

Prospective 2008 planting of **dry beans** in the U.S. total 1.40 million acres, down 8 percent from last year and 14 percent below 2006.

Crop summary: Area planted, Oregon and United States, 2006-2008

Crop	Oregon				United States			
	Area planted ¹			2008/2007	Area planted ¹			2008/2007
	2006	2007	2008 ²		2006	2007	2008 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	760	750	780	104	40,575	44,987	46,840	104
Wheat, spring	120	125	180	144	14,899	13,297	14,333	108
Barley, all	55	63	65	103	3,452	4,020	4,147	103
Oats	50	60	40	67	4,168	3,760	3,420	91
Corn, all field	51	60	60	100	78,327	93,300	86,014	92
Hay, all ³	1,050	1,000	1,010	101	60,927	61,625	60,583	98
Dry edible beans	10	8	6	75	1,630	1,527	1,399	92
Sugarbeets	13.1	12.0	8.2	68	1,366.2	1,269.8	1,131.8	89

¹ Acres planted or to be planted for all purposes.

² Intended plantings in 2008 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Acres harvested or intended to be harvested.

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