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## CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT ACREAGE UP FROM LAST YEAR IN SC

The June Acreage Survey, recently completed by the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office, indicated that **SOUTH CAROLINA** farmers were planting more acreage to corn, soybeans and winter wheat, but less to tobacco, peanuts, and cotton.

**CORN** growers planted a total of 390,000 acres of corn this spring. This is 26% above 2006 and 30% above 2005. It is the largest number of acres planted since 1990. Growers expect to harvest 370,000 acres for grain, 28 percent above last year and 30 percent above 2005.

**TOBACCO** acreage in 2007 is placed at 22,000 acres. This is down 4 percent from 2006 but up 16 percent from 2005. This is the second lowest acreage for tobacco on record.

**COTTON** growers planted a total of 200,000 acres this spring. This is down 33 percent from 2006 and down 25 percent from 2005. This is the fewest number of planted acres since 1992.

**SOYBEAN** growers are in the final stages of planting a total of 420,000 acres this year. This is up 5 percent from 2006 but 2 percent below 2005.

**WINTER WHEAT** planted acres for this year are set at 160,000 acres – up 23 percent from last year but down 6 percent from 2005.

**OATS**, including both fall and spring plantings, totaled 33,000 acres – no change from 2006 but down 6 percent from 2005.

**SORGHUM** acreage planted for all purposes this year is expected to total 9,000 acres - down 18 percent from 2006 and 10 percent below 2005.

**PEANUT** acreage, at 55,000, is down 7 percent from 2006 and down 13 percent from 2005. The acreage for this year is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest peanut planted acreage on record.

**SWEETPOTATO** growers are planning to set 600 acres this year, down 14 percent from 2006 and 33 percent below 2005. This is the lowest sweetpotato planted acreage on record.

**HAY** acres for harvest this year are expected to total 360,000 acres – unchanged from 2005 but 24 percent up from 2005.

## UNITED STATES CORN ACREAGE UP, SOYBEANS AND COTTON DOWN

As of June 1, the U.S. **CORN** planted area is estimated at 92.9 million acres, up 19 percent from last year and 14 percent higher than 2005. Farmers increased corn plantings 3 percent above their March intentions, resulting in the highest planted area since 1944 when 95.5 million acres were planted.

The 2007 **SOYBEAN** planted area is estimated at 64.1 million acres, down 15 percent from last year's record high. This is the lowest planted area for soybeans since 1995. Farmers decreased soybean plantings 5 percent below their March intentions.

**ALL COTTON** plantings for 2007 are estimated at 11.1 million acres, 28 percent below last year and the lowest since 1989. Upland planted area is estimated at 10.8 million acres, also down 28 percent from 2006. Farmers decreased all cotton plantings 9 percent below their March intention and upland cotton plantings 9.2 percent below March intentions.

### UNITED STATES 2007 PLANTED ACRES AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Soybeans	64.1	Mil. Ac.	85%	Barley	4.04	Mil. Ac.	117%
Corn	92.9	Mil. Ac.	119%	Sorghum	7.77	Mil. Ac.	119%
Cotton, Upland	10.8	Mil. Ac.	72%	Hay, All	61.8	Mil. Ac.	102%
Wheat, Winter	45.1	Mil. Ac.	111%	Peanuts	1.19	Mil. Ac.	95%
Oats, Planted	3.86	Mil. Ac.	93%	Tobacco, F.C.	224,000	Acres	105%
Rye, Planted	1.35	Mil. Ac.	97%	Sweetpotatoes	96,500	Acres	101%