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## SOYBEAN, WHEAT AND PEANUT 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 soybeans, winter wheat and peanuts, but less to tobacco, corn, and cotton.

**CORN** growers planted a total of 360,000 acres of corn this spring. This is 10 percent below 2007 but 16 percent above 2006. Growers expect to harvest 330,000 acres for grain, 11 percent below last year but 14 percent above 2006.

**TOBACCO** acreage in 2008 is placed at 20,000 acres. This is down 2 percent from 2007 and down 13 percent from 2006.

**COTTON** growers planted a total of 120,000 acres this spring. This is down 33 percent from 2007 and down 60 percent from 2006. This is the fewest number of planted acres since 1989.

**SOYBEAN** growers are in the final stages of planting a total of 510,000 acres this year. This is up 13 percent from 2007 and 28 percent above 2006.

**WINTER WHEAT** planted acres for this year are set at 220,000 acres – up 38 percent from last year and up 69 percent from 2006.

**OATS**, including both fall and spring plantings, totaled 33,000 acres – no change from 2007 or 2006.

**SORGHUM** acreage planted for all purposes this year is expected to total 8,000 acres - down 20 percent from 2007 and 27 percent below 2006.

**PEANUT** acreage, at 65,000, is up 10 percent from 2007 and 2006. The acreage for this year is the highest peanut planted acreage since 1943.

**SWEETPOTATO** growers are planning to set 600 acres this year, no change from 2007 but 14 percent below 2006. This is the lowest sweetpotato planted acreage on record.

**HAY** acres for harvest this year are expected to total 330,000 acres – unchanged from 2007 but 8 percent below 2006.

### UNITED STATES 2008 PLANTED ACRES AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Soybeans	74.5	Mil. Ac.	117%	Barley	4.13	Mil. Ac.	103%
Corn	87.3	Mil. Ac.	93%	Sorghum	7.27	Mil. Ac.	94%
Cotton, Upland	9.04	Mil. Ac.	86%	Hay, All	60.4	Mil. Ac.	98%
Wheat, Winter	46.6	Mil. Ac.	104%	Peanuts	1.46	Mil. Ac.	119%
Oats, Planted	3.47	Mil. Ac.	92%	Tobacco, F.C.	221,000	Acres	99%
Rye, Planted	1.19	Mil. Ac.	86%	Sweetpotatoes	104,100	Acres	103%