

South Dakota

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SOUTH DAKOTA'S CORN AND SOYBEAN ACREAGE DOWN SLIGHTLY

SIoux FALLS, June 30, 2005 - - **Corn** planted acres in South Dakota for 2005 total 4.40 million, down 5 percent from last year's record high, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres for grain are forecasted at 3.90 million, down 6 percent from last year's record high. Biotechnology varieties were used on 83 percent of acres planted, compared to 79 percent a year ago. Nationally, only 52 percent of the acreage was seeded with biotechnology varieties in 2005, up from 47 percent last year.

Soybean planted acres in South Dakota for 2005 total 4.05 million, down 2 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were planted on 95 percent of the soybean acres in South Dakota, unchanged from last year. In the United States 87 percent of the soybean acreage was seeded with biotechnology seed, up from 85 percent last year.

Winter wheat acreage seeded last fall totaled 1.50 million, down 9 percent from the 2004 crop. Acres intended for harvest, based on June 1 conditions, are expected to be 1.4 million, unchanged from the May 1 estimate. This forecasted harvested acreage is up 12 percent from last year's harvested acreage.

Other spring wheat plantings totaled 1.80 million acres, up 13 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** plantings, at 18,000, are down 2,000 acres from last year.

All sunflower acres, at 620,000 planted, are up 43 percent from 2004 acreage levels. **Oil sunflower** account for 550,000 acres, up 34 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** acres planted nearly tripled from last year's total of 25,000 acres to 70,000 acres in 2005.

Oats, at 370,000 acres planted, are down 3 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 180,000 acres for grain, up 6 percent from 2004. **Sorghum**, at 200,000 acres planted, is 9 percent below last year. **Proso millet** seedings totaled 150,000 acres, down 17 percent from last year.

Barley planted acreage totaled 70,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **Flaxseed** plantings, at 30,000 acres, are up 20,000 acres from last year. **Rye** planted acres, at 20,000, are also unchanged from 2004.

All hay harvested acres are expected to total 3.95 million, up 1 percent from 2004. **Alfalfa** hay is expected to be harvested from 2.25 million acres, unchanged from last year. **Other hay** is expected to be harvested from 1.70 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

This report is based on a statewide survey of producers conducted between May 28 and June 15, and reflects acreage as of June 1. Updated harvested acreage and forecasted yields will be published during the growing season.

*The complete report can be accessed at www.usda.gov/nass
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