



# News Release

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## **CORN ACRES EXPECTED TO INCREASE; SOYBEAN ACRES TO DECREASE**

**SIoux FALLS, March 30, 2007** -- Producers in South Dakota intend to plant 400,000 more acres of corn but 350,000 fewer acres of soybeans than last year, according to the South Dakota office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These intentions are based on a March 1 survey. Any planting changes due to weather or other factors will be accounted for when actual plantings are obtained in early June.

**Corn** plantings in South Dakota for 2007 are expected to be 4.90 million acres, up 9 percent from 2006.

**Soybean** plantings are expected to total 3.60 million acres, down 9 percent from a year ago.

**All hay** harvested acreage is estimated at 3.80 million acres, up 23 percent from last year.

**Winter wheat** acres seeded last fall totaled 1.90 million acres, up 31 percent from a year earlier.

**Other spring wheat** seeding intentions are at 1.60 million acres, down 14 percent from 2006.

**Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 15,000 acres, are up 50 percent from last year.

**Sunflower** acreage is expected to total 405,000 acres, down 24 percent from last year. **Oil sunflowers** will account for 360,000 acres, down 26 percent from 2006. **Non-oil sunflowers** account for 45,000 acres, unchanged from 2006.

**Sorghum** planted acreage is expected to total 190,000 acres, down 14 percent from last year.

**Oats** to be seeded, estimated at 330,000 acres, are down 13 percent from 2006.

**Barley** seedings, estimated at 65,000 acres, are up 10,000 acres from 2006.

**Flax** seedings, estimated at 10,000 acres, are down 10,000 acres from 2006.

**Dry edible bean** planting intentions, estimated at 22,000 acres, are up 500 acres from last year.

*Access this complete report at:*

<http://usda/mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan/2000s/2007/ProsPlan-03-30-2007.pdf>