



Press Release

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On: PROSPECTIVE UPLAND COTTON ACREAGE
UP 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . Texas producers intend to plant more acres of Upland cotton and Pima cotton in 2006.

Based on results of a survey conducted the first two weeks of March by USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, planted acres of **Upland cotton** is forecast at 6.0 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Planting of Pima cotton is expected to total 26,000 acres, up 5 percent from 2005.

Growers intend to plant 1.7 million acres of **corn**, down 17 percent from last year. Rice acreage is expected to decrease 26 percent from last year to 150,000 acres.

This report is an early indication of producers' intentions to plant. Actual planted acreage may change after March 1 depending on weather, production costs and anticipated prices at harvest. Another survey will be conducted in June to determine acreage actually planted.

Producers intend to plant 1.9 million acres of **sorghum** this year, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Prospective **soybean** acreage, at 230,000 acres, is down 12 percent from last year, and acreage intentions for **sunflowers**, at 58,000 acres, is down 60 percent from last year.

Texas **winter wheat** planted, at 5.7 million acres, is up 4 percent from a year ago, but down 2 percent from the January estimate.

Planted acreage for **peanuts** is forecast at 210,000 acres, down 21 percent from 2005.

An estimated 4.7 million acres will be harvested for **dry hay** this year, down 7 percent from last year.

United States Upland cotton producers intend to plant 14.3 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Prospective corn acreage, at 78.0 million acres, is down 5 percent from 2005. Sorghum acreage intentions are virtually unchanged from last year at 6.5 million acres.

Rice acreage is forecast at 3.0 million acres, down 12 percent from last year. Soybean planting intentions are 76.9 million acres, up 7 percent from last year.

Winter wheat planted for the nation is estimated at 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year's acreage.

TEXAS PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Crop	2004	2005	2006 ^{1/}	Percent of 2005
	<u>1,000 acres</u>			<u>Percent</u>
Beans, dry edible	20	17	15	88
Corn	1,830	2,050	1,700	83
Cotton, American-Pima	21.0	24.8	26.0	105
Cotton, Upland	5,850	5,900	6,000	102
Hay, [harvested]	5,350	5,050	4,700	93
Oats, planted	680	690	720	104
Peanuts	240	265	210	79
Rice	222	202	150	74
Sorghum	2,210	2,050	1,900	93
Soybeans	290	260	230	88
Sunflowers, all	41	145	58	40
Sweet potatoes	3.0	2.7	1.6	59
Winter wheat	6,300	5,500	5,700	104

^{1/} Acres farmers intend to plant for this year.