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On: PROSPECTIVE UPLAND COTTON ACREAGE
DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . Texas producers intend to plant less acres of Upland cotton and Pima cotton in 2007.

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 5.7 million acres, down 11 percent from last year. Planting of **Pima cotton** is expected to total 30,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2006.

Growers intend to plant 2.0 million acres of **corn**, up 14 percent from last year. **Rice** acreage is expected to increase 7 percent from last year to 160,000 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 2.45 million acres of **sorghum** this year, up 23 percent from a year ago.

Prospective **soybean** acreage, at 100,000 acres, is down 56 percent from last year, and acreage intentions for **sunflowers**, at 43,000 acres, is down 17 percent from last year.

Texas **winter wheat** planted, at 6.0 million acres, is up 8 percent from a year ago, and unchanged from the January estimate.

Planted acreage for **peanuts** is forecast at 190,000 acres, up 23 percent from 2006.

An estimated 5.4 million acres will be harvested for **dry hay** this year, up 5 percent from last year.

United States Upland cotton producers intend to plant 11.9 million acres, down 21 percent from last year. Prospective corn acreage, at 90.5 million acres, is up 15 percent from 2006. Sorghum acreage intentions at 7.11 million acres are up 9 percent from 2006.

Rice acreage is forecast at 2.64 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Soybean planting intentions are 67.1 million acres, down 11 percent from last year.

Winter wheat planted for the nation is estimated at 44.5 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year's acreage.

TEXAS PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

| Crop | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 ^{1/} | Percent of 2006 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>1,000 acres</u> | | | <u>Percent</u> |
| Beans, dry edible | 17 | 20 | 10 | 50 |
| Corn | 2,050 | 1,760 | 2,000 | 114 |
| Cotton, American-Pima | 24.8 | 31.0 | 30.0 | 97 |
| Cotton, Upland | 5,950 | 6,400 | 5,700 | 89 |
| Hay (harvested) | 5,050 | 5,150 | 5,400 | 105 |
| Oats | 690 | 760 | 770 | 101 |
| Peanuts | 265 | 155 | 190 | 123 |
| Rice | 202 | 150 | 160 | 107 |
| Sorghum | 2,050 | 2,000 | 2,450 | 123 |
| Soybeans | 260 | 225 | 100 | 44 |
| Sunflowers, all | 145 | 52 | 43 | 83 |
| Sweet potatoes | 2.7 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 113 |
| Winter wheat | 5,500 | 5,550 | 6,000 | 108 |

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