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On: PROSPECTIVE UPLAND COTTON ACREAGE
DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . Texas producers intend to plant fewer acres of Upland cotton and Pima cotton in 2008. 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 4.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Planting of **Pima cotton** is expected to total 20,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2007.

Growers intend to plant 2.25 million acres of **corn**, up 5 percent from last year. **Rice** acreage is expected to increase 10 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 2.8 million acres of **sorghum** this year, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Prospective **soybean** acreage, at 200,000 acres, is up 133 percent from last year, and acreage intentions for **sunflowers**, at 60,000 acres, is up 46 percent from last year.

Texas **winter wheat** planted, at 6.0 million acres, is down 3 percent from a year ago, unchanged from the January estimate.

Planted acreage for **peanuts** is forecast at 250,000 acres, up 32 percent from 2007.

An estimated 4.95 million acres will be harvested for **dry hay** this year, down 7 percent from last year.

United States Upland cotton producers intend to plant 9.19 million acres, down 13 percent from last year. Prospective corn acreage, at 86.0 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2007. Sorghum acreage intentions at 7.42 million acres are down 4 percent from 2007.

Rice acreage is forecast at 2.77 million acres, up 9,000 acres from last year. Soybean planting intentions are 74.8 million acres, up 18 percent from last year.

Winter wheat planted for the nation is estimated at 46.8 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous year's acreage.

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Crop	2006	2007	2008 ^{1/}	Percent of 2007
	<u>1,000 acres</u>			<u>Percent</u>
Beans, dry edible	20	17	15	88
Corn	1,760	2,150	2,250	105
Cotton, American-Pima	31.0	25.0	20.0	80
Cotton, Upland	6,400	4,900	4,700	96
Hay (harvested)	5,150	5,340	4,950	93
Oats	760	710	690	97
Peanuts	155	190	250	132
Rice	150	146	160	110
Sorghum	2,000	2,750	2,800	102
Soybeans	225	86	200	233
Sunflowers, all	52	41	60	146
Sweet potatoes	2.2	1.9	1.5	79
Winter wheat	5,550	6,200	6,000	97

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