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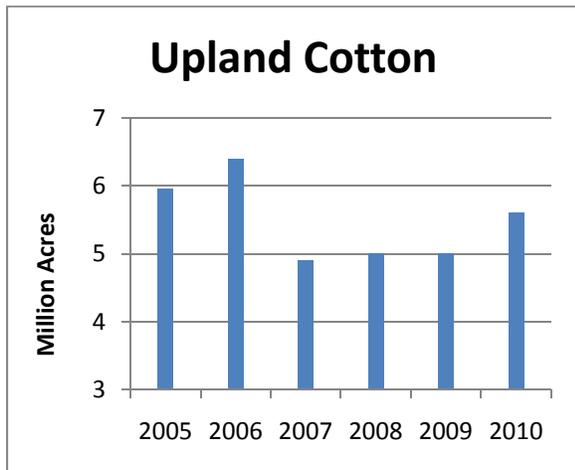
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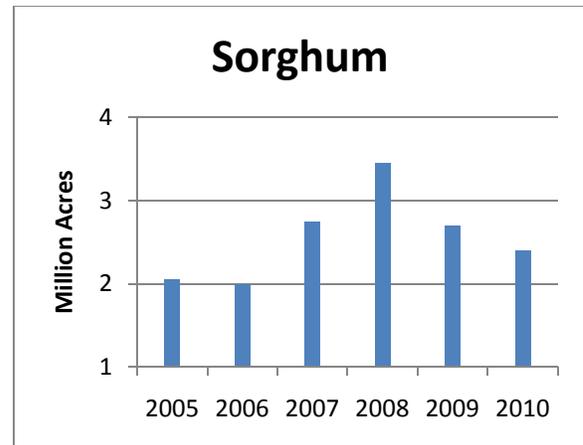
## Prospective Upland Cotton Acreage Up 12 Percent from Last Year

**Cotton Acres:** Upland cotton is forecast at 5.6 million acres, up 12 percent from last year. Planting of Pima cotton is expected to total 18,000 acres, unchanged from 2009.

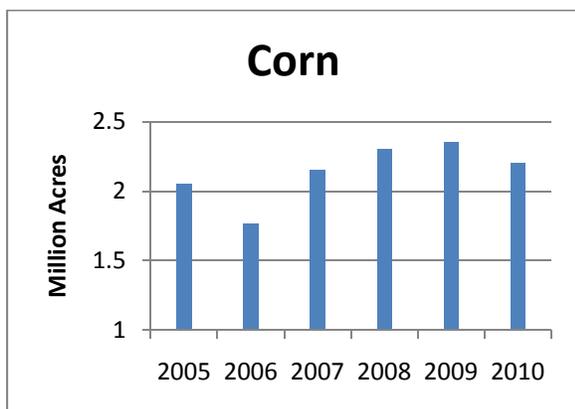


**Wheat Acres:** Texas winter wheat planted, at 5.6 million acres, is down 12 percent from a year ago. This is up 4 percent from the December seedings forecast.

**Sorghum Acres:** Producers intend to plant 2.4 million acres of sorghum this year, down 11 percent from a year ago.



**Corn Acres:** Growers intend to plant 2.2 million acres of corn, down 6 percent from last year.



**Other Crops:** **Rice** acreage is expected to increase 7 percent from last year to 183,000 acres. Prospective **soybean** acreage, at 250,000 acres, is up 16 percent from last year. An acreage intention for **sunflowers**, at 100,000 acres, is down 26 percent from last year. Planted acreage for **peanuts** is forecast at 155,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2009. An estimated 4.8 million acres will be harvested for **dry hay** this year, up 4 percent from last year.

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**U.S Highlights:** United States prospective **Upland cotton** producers intend to plant 10.3 million acres, up 15 per cent from last year. **Corn** acreage, at 88.8 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2009. **Sorghum** acreage intentions at 6.4 million acres are down 4 percent from 2009. **Rice** acreage is forecast at 3.4 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. **Soybean** planting intentions are 78.1 million acres, up slightly from last year. **Winter wheat** planted for the nation is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

*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. This report is based on results of a survey conducted the first two weeks of March by USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office. Another survey will be conducted in June to determine acreage actually planted.*

### 2010 Prospective Plantings, Texas

Crop	2008	2009	Intentions 2010	2010 / 2009
	<i>1000 ac</i>	<i>1000 ac</i>	<i>1000 ac</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dry Beans.....	24	37	35	95
Corn.....	2,300	2,350	2,200	94
Cotton, Pima .....	15.6	18.0	18.0	100
Cotton, Upland .....	5,000	5,000	5,600	112
Peanuts .....	257	165	155	94
Rice .....	175	171	183	107
Sorghum .....	3,450	2,700	2,400	89
Soybeans .....	230	215	250	116
Sunflowers.....	101	135	100	74
Sweet Potatoes .....	1.7	1.4	1.3	93
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,554.3</i>	<i>10,792.4</i>	<i>10,942.3</i>	<i>101</i>
Oats .....	600	600	650	108
Winter Wheat .....	5,800	6,400	5,600	88
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,400</i>	<i>7,000</i>	<i>6,250</i>	<i>89</i>
Hay (dry, harvested).....	4,430	4,620	4,800	104

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan//2010s/2010/ProsPlan-03-31-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp>