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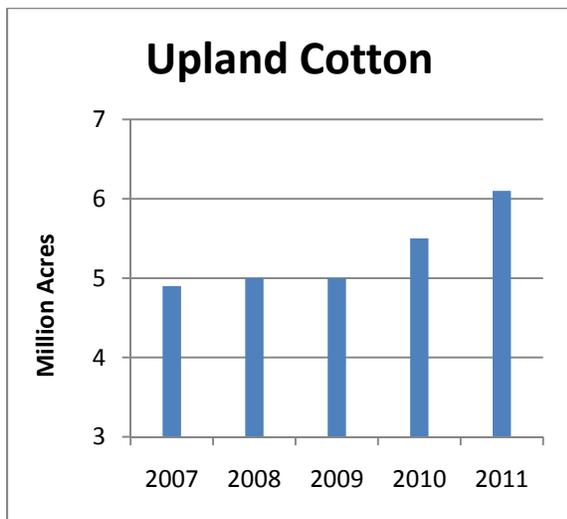
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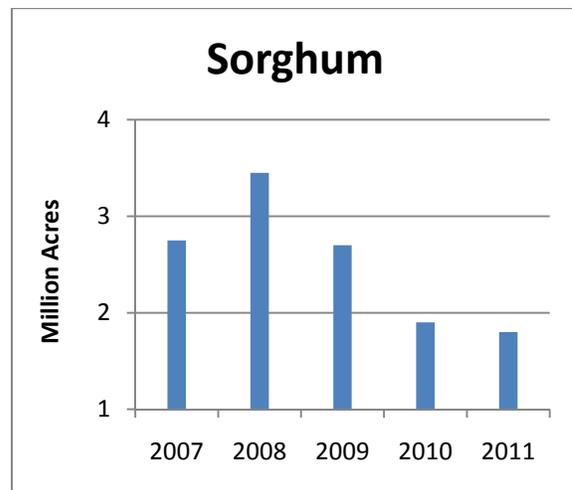
## Prospective Upland Cotton Acreage Up 10 Percent from Last Year

**Cotton Acres:** Upland cotton is forecast at 6.1 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Planting of Pima cotton is expected to total 15,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2010.

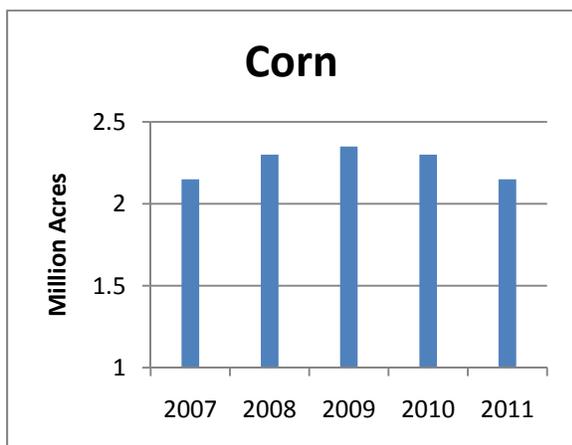


**Wheat Acres:** Texas winter wheat planted, at 5.65 million acres, down 1 percent from a year ago. This is down 2 percent from the December seedings forecast.

**Sorghum Acres:** Producers intend to plant 1.8 million acres of sorghum this year, down 5 percent from a year ago.



**Corn Acres:** Growers intend to plant 2.15 million acres of corn, down 7 percent from last year.



**Other Crops:** **Rice** acreage is expected to decrease 10 percent from last year to 170,000 acres. Prospective **soybean** acreage, at 185,000 acres, is down 10 percent from last year. An acreage intention for **sunflowers**, at 87,000 acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Planted acreage for **peanuts** is forecast at 160,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2010. An estimated 5.0 million acres will be harvested for **dry hay** this year, down 4 percent from last year.

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**U.S Highlights:** United States prospective **Upland cotton** producers intend to plant 12.3 million acres, up 14 percent from last year. **Corn** acreage, at 92.2 million acres, is up 5 percent from 2010. **Sorghum** acreage intentions at 5.6 million acres are up 4 percent from 2010. **Rice** acreage is forecast at 3.0 million acres, down 17 percent from last year. **Soybean** planting intentions are 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. **Winter wheat** planted for the nation is estimated at 41.2 million acres, up 10 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.*

### 2011 Prospective Plantings, Texas

Crop	2009	2010	Intentions 2011	2011 / 2010
-	<i>1,000 ac</i>	<i>1,000 ac</i>	<i>1,000 ac</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Dry Beans.....	37	21	20	95
Corn.....	2,350	2,300	2,150	93
Cotton, Pima .....	18	17	15	88
Cotton, Upland .....	5,000	5,550	6,100	110
Peanuts .....	165	165	160	97
Rice .....	171	189	170	90
Sorghum.....	2,700	1,900	1,800	95
Soybeans .....	215	205	185	90
Sunflowers.....	135	89	87	98
Sweet Potatoes .....	1.4	1.1	1.3	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,792.4</b>	<b>10,437.1</b>	<b>10,688.3</b>	<b>102</b>
Oats.....	600	550	600	109
Winter Wheat .....	6,400	5,700	5,650	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>100</b>
Hay (dry, harvested).....	4,620	5,220	5,000	96

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/ProsPlan/ProsPlan-03-31-2011.pdf>

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