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WEST VIRGINIA 2023 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Charleston, West Virginia – **Corn** area planted in West Virginia is expected to total 50,000 acres, up 9 percent, or 4,000 acres from 2022, but down 2 percent, or 1,000 acres from 2021.

All hay area harvested is expected to total 610,000 acres, up 8 percent or 45,000 acres from 2022, and up 18 percent or 92,000 acres from 2021.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2023, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

UNITED STATES INTENTIONS WITH 2022 COMPARISONS

Corn plantings – 92.0 million acres, up 4%.

Oat plantings – 2.67 million acres, up 3%.

Winter wheat planted – 37.5 million acres, up 13%.

All tobacco for harvest – 197,070 acres, down 2%.

Burley tobacco for harvest – 35,370 acres, up 9%.

Soybean plantings – 87.5 million acres, up less than 1%.

Sorghum plantings – 5.98 million acres, down 6%.

Barley plantings – 2.92 million acres, down 1%.

All hay for harvest – 50.6 million acres, up 2%.