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New Jersey Prospective Plantings for 2003

NEW JERSEY'S CORN ACREAGE DOWN 10,000 ACRES

As of March 1, 2003, New Jersey farmers intended to plant less acreage of corn, sweet potatoes, and winter wheat this year than last year. All hay, barley, and soybean acreage remained unchanged from the previous year.

Barley planted acreage is expected to total 4,000, unchanged from a year ago.

Corn planted acreage is expected to total 80,000, down 10,000 acres, or 11 percent below a year ago.

All hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 115,000, unchanged from a year ago.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 100,000, unchanged from a year ago.

Sweet potato acreage is expected to total 1,000 acres, down 200 acres, or 17 percent below last year.

Winter wheat planted acreage is expected to total 31,000, down 7,000 acres, or 18 percent below a year ago.

Prospective Plantings: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2002-2003

	New Jersey			US		
	2002	2003 ^{1/}	% Change	2002	2003 ^{1/}	% Change
	--- 1,000 acres ---			--- 1,000 acres ---		
Barley	4	4	NC	5,073	5,379	6
Corn	90	80	(11)	79,054	79,022	NC
Hay, All ^{2/}	115	115	NC	64,497	63,552	(1)
Soybeans	100	100	NC	73,758	73,182	(1)
Sweet Potato	1.2	1.0	(17)	97.2	93.5	(4)
Winter Wheat	38	31	(18)	41,735	44,308	6

^{1/} Intended planting for 2003 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{2/} Harvested intentions.

NC = No change.

() = negative value.

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