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New Jersey Prospective Plantings for 2004

NEW JERSEY'S CORN AND SOYBEAN ACREAGE BOTH UP 5,000 ACRES

As of March 1, 2004, New Jersey farmers intended to plant more acreage of corn and soybeans this year than last year and less acreage of winter wheat. All hay, barley, and sweet potato 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 85,000, up 5,000 acres, or 6 percent above a year ago.

All hay acreage intended for harvest is expected to total 120,000, unchanged from a year ago.

Soybeans planted acreage is expected to total 95,000, up 5,000 acres, or 6 percent above a year ago.

Sweet potato acreage is expected to total 1,100 acres, unchanged from a year ago.

Winter wheat planted acreage is expected to total 28,000, down 3,000 acres, or 10 percent below a year ago.

Prospective Plantings Compared to 2003 Acreage: New Jersey and United States, March 1, 2004

	New Jersey			US		
	2003	2004 ^{1/}	% Change	2003	2004 ^{1/}	% Change
--- 1,000 acres ---			--- 1,000 acres ---			
Barley	4	4	NC	5,299	4,683	(12)
Corn	80	85	6	78,736	79,004	NC
Hay, All ^{2/}	120	120	NC	63,342	63,731	1
Soybeans	90	95	6	73,404	75,411	3
Sweet Potato	1.1	1.1	NC	95.6	98.3	3
Winter Wheat	31	28	(10)	44,945	43,372	(3)

^{1/} Intended planting for 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers.

^{2/} Intended area harvested for 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers.

NC = No change.

() = negative value.

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