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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS 2004 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

MARCH 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **MARCH AGRICULTURAL SURVEY** conducted the first week of March. Data users are reminded that this report includes **INTENTIONS** to plant for all purposes. Actual acreage planted may vary. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



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State Statistician

NEW MEXICO: **Corn** growers intend to plant 140,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2004, an 8 percent increase from 2003. Intended planting for **sorghum** decreased by 7 percent to 130,000 acres compared to 140,000 in 2003. **Winter wheat** planted acres is estimated at 470,000 acres for 2004, 6 percent below 2003. **Peanut** producers intend to plant 16,000 acres, 2,000 acres less than a year ago. **Upland cotton** acreage is estimated to total 60,000 acres, a 7 percent increase over the previous year's planting. **American-Pima** cotton acreage is expected to be higher than last year at 8,000 acres. Intended area for harvest of **all hay** is estimated at 300,000 acres, the same level as the previous year.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** growers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2004, up fractionally from both 2002 and 2003. Expected acreage is up from last year throughout much of the Corn Belt as growers are hoping to take advantage of higher corn prices. **All wheat** planted area is expected to total 59.5 million acres in 2004, down 4 percent from 2003. Area planted to **all cotton** for 2004 is expected to total 14.4 million acres, 7 percent more than last year. **Upland** acreage is expected to total 14.2 million acres, also up 7 percent. **American-Pima** acreage intentions are estimated at 226,600 acres, an increase of 27 percent from last year. **Peanut** producers intend to plant 1.37 million acres of peanuts in 2004, up 2 percent from last year. The 2004 intended

sorghum acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 8.60 million acres, down 9 percent from last year. **Hay** producers expect to harvest 63.7 million acres of all hay in 2004, up 1 percent from last year.

Crop Summary, Acres Planted, New Mexico and U.S., 2002-2004

	New Mexico				United States			
	2002	2003	2004 ^{1/}	2004/2003	2002	2003	2004 ^{1/}	2004/2003
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----1,000 Acres-----			
	--Percent--				--Percent--			
Corn	140	130	140	108	78,894	78,736	79,004	100
Sorghum	170	140	130	93	9,589	9,420	8,600	91
Oats	---	---	---	---	4,995	4,601	4,312	94
Barley	---	---	---	---	5,008	5,299	4,683	88
All Wheat	480	500	470	94	60,318	61,700	59,462	96
Winter	480	500	470	94	41,766	44,945	43,372	97
Other Spring	---	---	---	---	15,639	13,840	13,333	96
Soybeans	---	---	---	---	73,963	73,404	75,411	103
Peanuts	18.0	18.0	16.0	89	1,353.0	1,344.0	1,366.0	102
All Cotton	61.1	62.1	68.0	110	13,957.9	13,483.1	14,401.6	107
Upland	54.0	56.0	60.0	107	13,714.0	13,304.0	14,175.0	107
A-P	7.1	6.1	8.0	131	243.9	179.1	226.6	127
All Hay ^{2/}	360	300	300	100	63,942	63,342	63,731	101

^{1/} Intended plantings in 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers. ^{2/} Intended area harvested in 2004 as indicated by reports from farmers.