

# West Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service

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## WEST VIRGINIA 2004 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**WEST VIRGINIA -- Corn** plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 45,000 acres, down 6% or 3,000 acres from 2003 and down 10% or 5,000 acres from 2002.

**Winter wheat** seedings are estimated at 8,000 acres, down 33% or 4000 acres from 2003 and 2002.

**Soybeans** planted acreage is expected to total 16,000 acres, unchanged from 2003, but down 11% or 2,000 acres from 2002.

**Burley tobacco** growers intend to harvest 1,300 acres, up 8% or 100 acres from 2003, but unchanged from 2002.

**All hay** acreage harvested is expected to total 560,000 acres, up 3% or 15,000 acres from 2003, but down 2% or 10,000 acres from 2002.

## UNITED STATES WITH 2003 COMPARISONS

- Corn plantings - 79.0 million acres, up fractionally.
  - Biotech Corn seed as a percent of intended corn plantings:
    - Bt variety - 27% of 2004 crop, 25% of 2003 crop;
    - Herbicide Resistant variety - 14% of 2004 crop, 11% of 2003 crop;
    - Stacked Gene variety - 5% of 2004 crop, 4% of 2003 crop.
  - All Biotech Varieties - 46% of 2004 crop, 40% of 2003.
- Oat plantings - 4.31 million acres, down 6%.
- Oats for grain harvest - 2.07 million acres, down 7%.
- Winter wheat seeded - 43.4 million acres, down 3% from 2003.
- All tobacco for harvest - 414,550 acres, down fractionally, lowest since 1874.
- Burley tobacco for harvest - 157,200 acres, up 1%.
- Soybean plantings - 75.4 million acres, up 3%.
  - Biotech Soybean seed as a percent of intended soybean plantings:
    - Herbicide Resistant variety - 86% of 2004 crop, 81% of 2003 crop.
- Sorghum plantings - 8.6 million acres, down 9%.
- Barley plantings - 4.7 million acres, down 12%.
- All hay for harvest - 63.7 million acres, up 1%.