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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2018

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Arizona growers intend to plant 60,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2018, down 5,000 acres, or 8 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Growers intend to plant 11,000 acres of **barley** in 2018, down 9,000 acres from last year's actual plantings. **All wheat** acreage is expected to total 102,000 acres for 2018. **Winter wheat** seeded for harvest in 2018 is estimated at 17,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from the 2017 crop. Growers are estimated to have seeded 85,000 acres of **Durum wheat** this year, down 5,000 acres from last year. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 305,000 acres this year. This is down 10,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2017.

Producers intend to plant 179,000 acres of **all cotton** in 2018, an increase of 2 percent from last year. Of that, 165,000 acres are **upland** cotton, up 3 percent from last year, and 14,000 acres are **American Pima** cotton, down 7 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 88.0 million acres, down 2 percent or 2.14 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 33 of the 48 estimating States.

Producers intend to seed 2.29 million acres of **barley** for the 2018 crop year, down 8 percent from the previous year. If realized, seeded area for barley will be the lowest on record for the United States.

All wheat planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.3 million acres, up 3 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 **winter wheat** planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up slightly from both last year and the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.85 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.64 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2018 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, up 15 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2018 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 53.7 million acres of **all hay** in 2018, down less than 1 percent from 2017. If realized, this will represent the second lowest total hay harvested area since 1908, only behind 2016.

All cotton planted area for 2018 is estimated at 13.5 million acres, 7 percent above last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 7 percent from 2017. **American Pima** area is estimated at 262,000 acres, up 4 percent from 2017.

For a full copy of the *Prospective Plantings* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.