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## CALIFORNIA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS REPORT

**SACRAMENTO** -- The USDA-NASS, California Field Office today released the forecasts of field crop plantings for 2013. These forecasts, of acreage planted and to be planted, are based on a survey of more than 2,500 California farmers, conducted the first two weeks of March. The impact of weather and/or market conditions since the survey began is not reflected in this report.

**Barley** - California farmers had planted or intended to plant 90.0 thousand acres of barley, down 25 percent from the previous year.

**Beans, Dry Edible** - Seeding of dry edible beans was planned for 49.0 thousand acres in California, down 16 percent from last year.

**Corn** - California farmers were expecting to plant 560 thousand acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, an 8 percent decrease from last year.

**Cotton** - California farmers were intending to plant 90 thousand acres of Upland cotton in 2013, down 37 percent from the acreage seeded in 2012. In addition, growers were expecting to seed 190 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2013, down 16 percent from last year.

**Hay, All** - California producers intended to harvest hay from 1.45 million acres, down 6 percent from last year.

**Oats** - Farmers in California had planted or were expecting to plant 200 thousand acres of oats, 13 percent less than in 2012.

**Rice** - California farmers intended to seed rice on 550 thousand acres, 2 percent below the acreage seeded in 2012. The expressed intentions were to seed 490 thousand acres of medium grain varieties, 2 percent below last year. The long grain rice acreage forecast is 5.0 thousand acres, down 17 percent from last season. The short grain rice planted acreage forecast is 55.0 thousand acres, unchanged from last season. Short grain and all rice forecasts include the intended plantings of sweet rice.

**Sugar Beets** - California producers had planted or intended to plant 24.5 thousand acres of sugar beets, unchanged from the acreage seeded in 2012.

**Sunflower** – California farmers were expecting to plant 50.0 thousand acres of sunflowers for oil, up 4 percent from last year, and 3.0 thousand acres of non-oil sunflowers, up 7 percent from 2012.

**Sweet Potatoes** - California farmers were expecting to plant 18.0 thousand acres of sweet potatoes in 2013, the same acreage from last year.

**Wheat** - Acreage seeded to Winter wheat is forecast at 610 thousand acres, unchanged from last year. Another 90 thousand acres have been seeded to Durum wheat, 36 percent below the amount planted in 2012.

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