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## CALIFORNIA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS For 2014

**SACRAMENTO** -- The USDA-NASS, California Field Office today released the forecasts of field crop plantings for 2014. 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 intend to plant 95.0 thousand acres of barley, up 6 percent from the previous year.

**Beans, Dry Edible** - Seeding of dry edible beans was planned for 45.0 thousand acres in California, down 10 percent from last year.

**Corn** - California farmers were expecting to plant 430 thousand acres of corn for all purposes in 2014, a 28 percent decrease from last year. Nevada producers intend to plant 5,000 acres of corn, down 2,000 acres from a year ago.

**Cotton** - California farmers were intending to plant 60.0 thousand acres of Upland cotton in 2014, down 35 percent from the acreage seeded in 2013. In addition, growers were expecting to seed 135 thousand acres of American Pima cotton *this year*, down 28 percent from last year. If realized, the upland planting intentions will be the lowest acreage since 1921.

**Hay, All** - California producers intend to harvest hay from 1.45 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Nevada hay growers plan to harvest 300 thousand acres, 13 percent less than a year ago.

**Oats** - Farmers in California had planted or were expecting to plant 180 thousand acres of oats, the same as last year.

**Rice** - California farmers intend to seed rice on 450 thousand acres, 20 percent below the acreage seeded in 2013. The expressed intentions were to seed 420 thousand acres of medium grain varieties, 18 percent below last year. The long grain rice acreage forecast is 5.0 thousand acres, down 1,000 acres from last season. The short grain rice planted acreage forecast is 25.0 thousand acres, a decrease of 44 percent from a year ago. 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 2013.

**Sunflower** – California farmers were expecting to plant 60.0 thousand acres of sunflowers for oil, up 7 percent from last year, and 2,000 acres of non-oil sunflowers, 500 acres less than in 2013.

**Sweet Potatoes** - California farmers were expecting to plant 19.0 thousand acres of sweet potatoes in 2014, the same acreage as last year.

**Wheat** - Acreage seeded to Winter wheat is forecast at 520 thousand acres in California, down 15 percent from last year. Another 65.0 thousand acres have been seeded to Durum wheat, 13 percent below the amount planted in 2013. Nevada wheat producers have seeded 15.0 thousand acres to Winter wheat, a decrease of 25 percent, and plan to seed 6,000 acres of Spring wheat, a decrease of 2,000 acres from a year ago.

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