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## Prospective Plantings for Delaware

DOVER, DE --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2015 planting intentions, according to Dale Hawks, acting State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Delaware Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 84,000 farm operators across the United States.

Delaware's 2015 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 170 thousand acres, down 3 percent from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 180 thousand acres, down 3 percent from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 37 thousand acres, down 10 percent from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 75 thousand acres, down 6 percent from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 15 thousand acres, up 15 percent from last year.

The complete Prospective Plantings report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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