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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' 2016 planting intentions, according to Dale Hawks, 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 83,000 farm operators across the United States.

Delaware's 2016 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 175 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 165 thousand acres, down 6 percent from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 28 thousand acres, down 12 percent from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 80 thousand acres, up 14 percent from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 14 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.

The complete Prospective Plantings report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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