USDA Reports Increase in Delaware Soybean Acreage

DOVER, DE – The U.S Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 160 thousand acres of soybeans planted in Delaware for 2021, up 7% from last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 158 thousand acres, up 7% from last year.

Following up to the Prospective Plantings report released in late spring, NASS surveyed approximately 9,100 segments of land and 65,900 farm operators during the first two weeks of June to gather information on what farmers actually planted. Key findings released in the Acreage report include:

**Corn**
- Corn area planted for 2021 is estimated at 175 thousand acres, down 3% from 2020.
- Corn area harvested for 2021 is estimated at 170 thousand acres, also down 3% from last year.

**Winter Wheat**
- Winter Wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 60 thousand acres, down 20% from a year ago.
- Winter Wheat harvested area for 2021 is estimated at 45 thousand acres, down 18% from last year.

**All Hay**
- Growers expect to harvest a record low 11 thousand acres of hay, down 21% from last year.
- Other hay is estimated at 8 thousand acres, down 20% from 2020.
- Alfalfa hay is estimated at 3 thousand acres, down 25% from last year.

**Barley**
- Barley area planted for 2021 is 21 thousand acres, unchanged from 2020.
- Barley harvested area is estimated at 14 thousand acres, down 7% from 2020.

For the complete “Acreage” report, go to: https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z

The “Acreage” report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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