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## USDA reports increase in Delaware corn acreage

**DOVER, DE** – The U.S Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 175 thousand acres of corn planted in Delaware for 2023, up 3% from last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 172 thousand acres, up 3% from last year.

Following up to the Prospective Plantings report released in late spring, NASS surveyed approximately 9,100 segments of land and 63,700 farm operators during the first two weeks of June to gather information on what farmers planted.

Key findings released in the Acreage report include:

### Soybean

- Soybean area planted for 2023 is estimated at 150 thousand acres, down 6% from 2022.
- Soybean area harvested for 2023 is estimated at 148 thousand acres, down 6% from last year.

### All Hay

- Growers expect to harvest a record low 11 thousand acres of hay, unchanged from last year.
- Other hay is estimated at 10 thousand acres, up 11% from 2022.
- Alfalfa hay is estimated at a record low 1 thousand acres, down 50% from last year.

### Barley

- Barley area planted for 2023 is 21 thousand acres, unchanged from 2022.
- Barley harvested area is estimated at 15 thousand acres, down 6% from 2022.

### Winter Wheat

- Winter Wheat planted area for 2023 is estimated at 80 thousand acres, unchanged from a year ago.
- Winter Wheat harvested area for 2023 is estimated at 65 thousand acres, up 20% from last year.

*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](http://www.nass.usda.gov).*

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