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Delaware farmers intend to devote more acreage to corn

DOVER, DE --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2023 planting intentions, according to Shareefah Williams, 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 approximately 72,900 farm operators across the United States.

Delaware's 2023 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 175 thousand acres, up 3% from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 150 thousand acres, down 6% from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 21 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 80 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at a record low 11 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.

For the complete "Prospective Plantings" report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x633f100h>

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

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