



FIELD CROPS

Prospective Plantings for 2010

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FLORIDA

Forecast Planted Acres: In March 2010, Florida farmers indicated that they intend to plant more cotton, peanuts and sweet potatoes, but less corn, soybeans and wheat in 2010 than in 2009. Hay acreage remained unchanged from last year. Growers planned to plant 35,000 acres of soybeans, down 2,000 acres from the 37,000 acres planted last year. Corn acres are forecast to be 65,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last season. The acreage planted to cotton is expected to total 90,000 acres, up 8,000 acres from a year ago. Peanut growers intend to plant 120,000 acres, 5,000 acres more than the 2009 acreage. Sweet potato growers (includes boniatos) intend to plant 3,800 acres in 2010, 800 acres more than 2009. Winter wheat producers have planted 16,000 acres, a decrease of 1,000 acres from last year

Weather: Topsoil and subsoil moisture in the Panhandle and Big Bend regions was mostly adequate to surplus late in March. In the Panhandle area, fields were still wet as preparations for row crops began. Growers experienced delays in field work and planting. Some wheat acreage was not planted due to wet conditions. Growers who have not been able to plant corn on schedule may switch to soybeans, cotton, or peanuts. Hay was reported in short supply in many areas as supplemental feeding continued later than normal due to flooding and extended cold conditions. In south Florida, delays in sweet potato planting were caused by recent heavy rains.

Prospective Plantings for 2010 with Comparisons

Crops	Florida				United States			
	2008	2009	Indicated 2010 ¹	2010 as % of 2009	2008	2009	Indicated 2010 ¹	2010 as % of 2009
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn	70	70	65	93	85,982.0	86,482.0	88,798.0	103
Cotton, Upland.....	67	82	90	110	9,297.0	9,007.5	10,315.0	115
All Hay, Harvested	300	300	300	100	60,152.0	59,755.0	60,460.0	101
Peanuts	150	115	120	104	1,534.0	1,116.0	1,201.0	108
Soybeans	32	37	35	95	75,718.0	77,451.0	78,098.0	101
Sweet potatoes ²	(X)	3.0	3.8	127	103.2	109.6	117.1	107
Tobacco, Harvested								
All types	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	354.5	354.1	334.0	94
Class 1, Flue-cured	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	223.0	224.0	207.0	92
Winter Wheat ³	25	17	16	94	46,307.0	43,311.0	37,698.0	87

X Not applicable

¹ Intended plantings or harvested acres in 2010 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Estimates began in 2009.

³ Includes area planted in the preceding fall.

UNITED STATES

Corn: Growers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both last year and 2008. Planted acreage is expected to be up in many States due to reduced winter wheat acreage and expectations of improved net returns. The largest increases are expected in Illinois and Kansas, both up 600,000 acres from last year. Ohio and Missouri corn acreage is expected to be up 350,000 and 300,000 acres, respectively. The largest declines are expected in Iowa, down 200,000 acres, Texas, down 150,000 acres, and Louisiana, down 100,000 acres.

Soybean: Producers intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010, up less than 1 percent from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area will be the largest on record.

Sweet Potatoes: Planted area of sweet potatoes is expected to total 117,100 acres for the 2010 season, up 7 percent from last year and 13 percent above 2008. The largest increases are expected in California, Louisiana, and North Carolina. Strong demand has led to an increase in expected acres in six of the nine estimating States.

All Cotton: Plantings for 2010 are expected to total 10.5 million acres, 15 percent above last year. Upland acreage is expected to total 10.3 million acres, up 15 percent. Growers intend to increase planted area in all States except Arkansas, Kansas, and Louisiana. In the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) growers intend to plant 2.39 million acres, an increase of 26 percent from last year.

Peanuts: Growers intend to plant 1.20 million acres of peanuts in 2010, up 8 percent from the previous year. An increase in planted area is expected in the Southeast and Virginia-Carolina regions while peanut acreage is expected to decrease in the Southwest region. Southeast growers (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina) intend to plant 925,000 acres of peanuts, an increase of 9 percent from 2009.

Hay: Producers expect to harvest 60.5 million acres of all hay in 2010, up 1 percent from 2009. Harvested area is expected to increase from last year throughout most of the Southern Great Plains, Southwest, and Coastal Plains.

All Wheat: Planted area is estimated at 53.8 million acres, down 9 percent from 2009. The 2010 winter wheat planted area, at 37.7 million acres, is 13 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. The 2010 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up 2 percent from the Winter Wheat Seedings report. This is the lowest United States total since 1970.