Corn planted for all purposes in Iowa is estimated at 13.1 million acres, down 100,000 from the March intentions, and down 500,000 acres from 2020 according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Acreage report. Corn to be harvested for grain is forecast at 12.65 million acres. Producers reported planting biotechnology varieties on 93 percent of their 2021 corn acres. The percent of corn acreage planted to insect resistant (Bt) varieties is estimated at 4 percent, herbicide resistant only varieties were planted on 9 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 80 percent of the acres.

Soybean acreage planted is estimated at 9.90 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the March intentions and up 500,000 acres from the 2020 planted acreage. Soybean acreage to be harvested is forecast at 9.82 million acres. Based on reports from producers, 97 percent of the soybean acres were planted with herbicide resistant varieties.

Total dry hay expected to be harvested for 2021 is forecast at 1.15 million acres, unchanged from the March forecast, but down 10,000 acres from 2020. Of the total, 790,000 acres of alfalfa and 360,000 acres of other hay are expected to be harvested for dry hay.

Acreage seeded to oats is estimated at 180,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the March intentions and up 10,000 acres from last year. Oat acreage expected to be harvested for grain is forecast at 65,000 acres, down 8,000 acres from 2020.
United States Acreage

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 is estimated at 92.7 million acres, up 2% or 1.87 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 28 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 84.5 million acres, is up 2% from last year.

Soybean planted area for 2021 is estimated at 87.6 million acres, up 5% from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 28 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 46.7 million acres, up 5% from 2020. This represents the fourth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2021 winter wheat planted area, at 33.7 million acres, is up 11% from last year and up 2% from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.59 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.50 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2021 is estimated at 11.6 million acres, down 5% from 2020. Of this total, about 10.8 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2021 is expected to total 1.48 million acres, down 12% from the previous year.

The complete report can be found under Publications on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.