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Prospective Plantings

Kansas growers expect to plant 19.1 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), down 3 percent from 2008. **Wheat** seeded in the fall of 2008 totaled 9.0 million acres, unchanged from the December forecast but down 6 percent from the previous year.

Corn planting intentions totaled 3.80 million, down 1 percent from the 2008 acreage. **Soybean** planted acreage is expected to be 3.50 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this would be a record. **Sorghum** acreage expected to be planted, at 2.80 million acres, is down 3 percent from a year ago. **Oat** seedings

are expected to be up 20,000 acres from 2008 at 80,000 acres. **Barley** seedings, at 16,000 acres, are down 1,000 from last year.

Sunflower acreage to be planted, at 162,000 acres, is down 79,000 from last year. Oil-type varieties account for 130,000 of the sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 32,000 acres. **Dry beans**, at 6,500 acres, are up 500 acres from the previous year. **All hay** for harvest, at 2.90 million acres, is up 150,000 acres from 2008. **Cotton** is expected to be planted on 35,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS - MARCH 1, 2009

| Crop | Acreage Planted or to be Planted | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Kansas | | | United States | | |
| | 2008 | Prospective 2009 | 2009 as % of 2008 | 2008 | Prospective 2009 | 2009 as % of 2008 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | Percent | 1,000 Acres | | Percent |
| Wheat, All | 9,600 | 9,000 | 94 | 63,147 | 58,638 | 93 |
| Winter | 9,600 | 9,000 | 94 | 46,281 | 42,889 | 93 |
| Durum | - | - | - | 2,731 | 2,445 | 90 |
| Other Spring | - | - | - | 14,135 | 13,304 | 94 |
| Sorghum, All | 2,900 | 2,800 | 97 | 8,284 | 6,960 | 84 |
| Corn, All | 3,850 | 3,800 | 99 | 85,982 | 84,986 | 99 |
| Soybeans | 3,300 | 3,500 | 106 | 75,718 | 76,024 | 100 |
| Oats | 60 | 80 | 133 | 3,217 | 3,400 | 106 |
| Barley | 17 | 16 | 94 | 4,234 | 3,953 | 93 |
| Hay, All ¹ | 2,750 | 2,900 | 105 | 60,062 | 60,297 | 100 |
| Sunflowers, All | 241.0 | 162.0 | 67 | 2,516.5 | 2,069.5 | 82 |
| Beans, Dry Edible | 6.0 | 6.5 | 108 | 1,495.0 | 1,546.1 | 103 |
| Cotton, All | 35.0 | 35.0 | 100 | 9,470.0 | 8,811.5 | 93 |

¹ Acreage for harvest.

U.S. Prospective Plantings

Corn growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down 1 percent from last year as lower corn prices and unstable input costs are discouraging some growers from planting corn. If realized, this will be the second consecutive year-over-year decrease since 2007 but will still be the third largest acreage since 1949, behind 2007 and 2008.

Soybean producers intend to plant 76.0 million acres in 2009, up slightly from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio.

All **wheat** planted area is estimated at 58.6 million acres, down 7 percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area, at 42.9 million acres, is 7 percent below last year but

up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 30.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.38 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.65 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2009 is expected to total 13.3 million acres, down 6 percent from 2008. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The expected Durum planted area for 2009 is 2.45 million acres, down 10 percent from the previous year.

All **cotton** plantings for 2009 are expected to total 8.81 million acres, 7 percent below last year and the lowest since 1983. Upland area is expected to total 8.67 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Growers intend to decrease planted area in all States except Georgia, Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. American-Pima cotton growers intend to plant 143,500 acres, down 18 percent from 2008.

Grain Stocks

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions totaled 141.8 million bushels on March 1, down 27 percent from December 2008, but 24 percent higher than last March. Wheat stored in off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 133.5 million bushels and accounted for 94 percent of the total. On-farm stocks totaled 8.3 million bushels, up from 3.7 million bushels last March.

Sorghum grain in all positions totaled 132.3 million bushels, down 30 percent from December 2008, but 19 percent above a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 112.3 million bushels and on-farm stocks totaled 20.0 million bushels.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations, at 257.5 million bushels, were down 30 percent from December, but 3 percent higher than last March. Off-farm stocks, at 186.5

million bushels, accounted for 72 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks, at 71.0 million bushels, were up 6 percent from the 2008 March stocks.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations totaled 47.2 million bushels, down 53 percent from December and 12 percent below the March 2008 level. Off-farm stocks, at 34.7 million bushels, accounted for 74 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks, at 12.5 million bushels, were up from 8.0 million last year.

Off-farm **oat** stocks totaled 264,000 bushels, down 18 percent from December and 31 percent below March 2008. Stocks of **barley** in off-farm facilities totaled 15,000 bushels, down from the 17,000 bushels in December and 20,000 bushels last March.