



PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS & GRAIN STOCKS

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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.

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.



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