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2013 KANSAS PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

TOPEKA, KS, March 28, 2013 -- Kansas **corn** growers intend to plant 4.6 million acres this year, down 2 percent from 2012, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office. If realized, this would still be the fourth largest area planted to corn since 1936.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 3.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This would be the fourth largest soybean acreage in Kansas history.

Sorghum acreage expected to be planted, at 2.9 million acres, is up 16 percent from a year ago. This would be the largest area planted to sorghum since 2008, if realized.

Sunflower acreage expected to be planted, at 92,000 acres, is up 6 percent from last year and would be the second lowest since 1990. Oil-type varieties account for 65,000 of the prospective sunflower acreage while non-oil, or confectionary, varieties make up the balance of 27,000 acres.

Oat intentions, at 90,000 acres, are down 15,000 acres from 2012.

Barley intentions, at 16,000 acres, are up 6,000 acres from last year.

Dry beans, at 6,000 acres, are down 2,000 acres from the previous year.

All hay intended for harvest, at 2.75 million acres, is unchanged from 2012.

Cotton is expected to be planted on 40,000 acres, down 16,000 acres from last year.

Wheat seeded in the fall of 2012 totaled 9.3 million acres, unchanged from the December estimate but down 2 percent from the previous year.

Kansas growers expect to plant 20.7 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), unchanged from 2012.

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