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2015 KANSAS PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

TOPEKA, KS, March 31, 2015 - Kansas **corn** growers intend to plant 4.05 million acres this year, unchanged from 2014, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 3.80 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

Winter wheat seeded in the fall of 2014 are estimated at 9.40 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Sorghum growers in Kansas intend to plant 2.90 million acres, up 2 percent from a year ago.

All hay acreage to be harvested is expected to total 2.50 million acres, up 9 percent from last year's acreage.

Sunflower producers expect to plant 76,000 acres, up 21 percent from 2014. **Oil** type varieties account for 55,000 acres, up 22 percent from a year ago. **Non-oil** varieties made up the balance of 21,000 acres, up 17 percent.

Oat intentions are estimated at 95,000 acres, up 12 percent from last year.

Cotton producers expect to plant 24,000 acres, down 23 percent from a year ago.

Barley intentions are estimated at 20,000 acres, up 25 percent from 2014.

Dry edible bean acreage are estimated at 7,000 acres, down 7 percent from last year.

Estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March.

Kansas Wheat Acreage Seeded 2011 – 2015, by District

| Year | District Totals | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | NW | WC | SW | NC | C | SC | NE | EC | SE |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 960.0 | 1,085.0 | 1,510.0 | 1,210.0 | 1,390.0 | 2,050.0 | 115.0 | 140.0 | 340.0 |
| 2012 | 944.0 | 1,178.0 | 1,678.0 | 1,135.0 | 1,462.0 | 2,229.0 | 108.5 | 190.0 | 475.5 |
| 2013 | 947.0 | 1,109.5 | 1,585.0 | 1,208.6 | 1,495.0 | 2,221.0 | 125.7 | 261.8 | 546.4 |
| 2014 | 1,101.5 | 1,234.5 | 1,711.5 | 1,196.8 | 1,482.3 | 2,168.0 | 108.8 | 180.3 | 416.3 |
| 2015 ^{1/} | 1,100.0 | 1,200.0 | 1,650.0 | 1,150.0 | 1,400.0 | 2,100.0 | 140.0 | 210.0 | 450.0 |

^{1/} Preliminary

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan//2010s/2015/ProsPlan-03-31-2015.pdf>

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