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## 2018 KANSAS PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**MANHATTAN, Kan. March 29, 2018** - Kansas **corn** growers intend to plant 5.10 million acres this year, down 7 percent from 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Soybean** planted acreage is expected to be 4.90 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

**Winter wheat** acres seeded in the fall of 2017 are estimated at 7.70 million, up 1 percent from last year.

**Sorghum** growers in Kansas intend to plant 2.75 million acres, up 6 percent from a year ago.

**All hay** acreage to be harvested is expected to total 2.70 million acres, up 1 percent from last year's acreage.

**Sunflower** producers expect to plant a record low, 55,000 acres, down 16 percent from 2017. **Oil** type varieties would also be a record low, accounting for 35,000 acres, down 33 percent from a year ago. **Non-oil** varieties made up the balance of 20,000 acres, up 48 percent.

**Oat** intentions are estimated at 125,000 acres, up 25 percent from last year.

**Canola** planted acreage is expected to be 50,000 acres, unchanged from 2017.

**Cotton** producers expect to plant a record high, 130,000 acres, up 40 percent from a year ago.

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

Note: District-level wheat estimates will not be published in 2018 due to lack of external funding.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan//2010s/2018/ProsPlan-03-29-2018.pdf>

Access the National Crop Production Executive Briefing at:

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