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MARCH 1 PLANTING INTENTIONS

Farmers in Kentucky intend to plant 1.48 million acres of corn, 40,000 lower than 2014. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 89.2 million acres for all purposes in 2015, down 2 percent from last year and 6 percent lower than 2013.

Soybean acreage in Kentucky was expected to total 1.78 million acres, up 20,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at 84.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Burley tobacco growers in Kentucky intend to set 70,000 acres for harvest, down 6,000 acres from 2014. For the burley producing States, growers intend to set 93,700 acres, 8 percent below last year.

Producers intend to set 10,500 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Kentucky, down 200 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to dark-air tobacco was estimated at 5,200 acres, up 200 acres from 2014.

Winter wheat seeded by Kentucky farmers in the fall of 2015 totaled 620,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from previous year. Seeded acreage for the Nation was 55.4 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 2.30 million acres of all hay, up 35,000 from 2014. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 57.1 million acres of hay in 2015, up slightly from last year. The acreage of all hay harvested during a summer depends to a great measure on the moisture received during the growing season and temperatures experienced. With a drier summer farmers will cut more hay to feed their cattle.

Prospective Plantings, KY & U.S. - March 1, 2015

Crops	Kentucky			U.S.		
	2014	2015	15 % of 14	2014	2015	15 % of 14
	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>(000 Acres)</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	1,520	1,480	97	90,597	89,199	98
Soybeans	1,760	1,780	101	83,701	84,635	101
Sorghum, All	(¹)	(¹)	--	7,138	7,900	111
Hay, All ²	2,265	2,300	102	57,092	57,093	100
Tobacco, All ²	91.7	85.7	93	378,360.0	345,280.0	91
Burley ²	76.0	70.0	92	101.5	93.7	92
Wheat, All ³	630	620	98	56,822	55,367	97
Barley ³	(¹)	(¹)	--	2,975	3,258	110

¹ Estimates discontinued in 2009. ² Harvested acreage. ³ Includes acreage planted preceeding fall.

**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Numbers by Class & Weight Groups
March 1, 2014 - 2015, Selected States and U.S.**

State	Total		Breeding		Market		Market Hogs			
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	< 50	50-119	120-179	> 180
							pounds			
							2015			
<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	<i>1,000 hd</i>	
CO	680	710	160	140	520	570	280	100	90	100
IL	4,250	4,650	500	490	3,750	4,160	1,290	1,200	890	780
IN	3,350	3,650	270	280	3,080	3,370	950	910	710	800
IA	19,500	20,400	1,010	1,030	18,490	19,370	4,930	6,260	4,810	3,370
KS	1,630	1,830	170	175	1,460	1,655	435	405	325	490
KY ¹	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
MI	1,000	1,100	110	110	890	990	280	210	260	240
MN	7,500	7,850	550	570	6,950	7,280	2,530	2,020	1,500	1,230
MO	2,350	2,800	355	400	1,995	2,400	1,220	435	380	365
NE	3,000	3,050	400	420	2,600	2,630	850	750	565	465
NC	7,800	8,400	870	890	6,930	7,510	2,740	1,710	1,640	1,420
OH	2,000	2,270	170	180	1,830	2,090	640	600	500	350
OK	1,950	2,150	430	440	1,520	1,710	720	370	250	370
PA	1,110	1,110	95	100	1,015	1,010	255	320	240	195
SD	1,190	1,280	170	165	1,020	1,115	365	285	250	215
TX	530	880	100	100	430	780	215	200	190	175
UT	710	660	75	75	635	585	255	105	120	105
Other ¹	2,944	3,144	416	417	2,528	2,728	1,004	629	570	525
US	61,494	65,934	5,851	5,982	55,643	59,953	18,959	16,509	13,290	11,195

¹ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 other States. Kentucky included in "Other".

Kentucky and United States Stocks of Grain, March 1, 2015 with Comparisons

Crop & Position	Kentucky			United States		
	Mar 2014	Dec 2014 ¹	Mar 2015	Mar 2014	Dec 2014 ¹	Mar 2015
	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>	<i>(000 Bushels)</i>
Corn						
On-Farm	44,000	110,000	60,000	3,860,500	7,087,000	4,380,000
Off-Farm ²	25,345	30,566	27,818	3,147,623	4,124,380	3,364,906
Total	69,345	140,566	87,818	7,008,123	11,211,380	7,744,906
Sorghum						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	15,950	30,500	9,000
Off-Farm ²	(4)	(4)	(4)	159,784	192,094	109,544
Total	(4)	(4)	(4)	175,734	222,594	118,544
Oats						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	19,800	31,300	20,810
Off-Farm ²	(4)	(4)	(4)	15,323	35,670	38,550
Total	(4)	(4)	(4)	35,123	66,970	59,360
Barley						
On-Farm	(3)	(3)	(3)	43,830	74,510	41,840
Off-Farm ¹	(4)	(4)	(4)	77,734	81,625	76,059
Total	(4)	(4)	(4)	121,564	156,135	117,899
All Wheat						
On-Farm	(5)	(5)	(5)	237,530	472,800	278,710
Off-Farm ²	5,893	9,880	8,687	819,435	1,056,830	845,688
Total	(5)	(5)	(5)	1,056,965	1,529,630	1,124,398
Soybeans						
On-Farm	(5)	(5)	(5)	381,900	1,218,000	609,200
Off-Farm ²	(4)	11,929	4,550	611,928	1,309,744	724,522
Total	(5)	(5)	(5)	993,828	2,527,744	1,333,722

¹ Data may have been revised. ² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ³ On-Farm stocks estimates not made. ⁴ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ⁵ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2014. January revised production, at 16.5 billion pounds, was up 2.2 percent from January 2014. The January revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for February, 8 pounds above February 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of February since the 23 State series began in 2003. This comparison is based upon all months of February being adjusted to 28 days.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 106,000 head more than February 2014, and 2,000 head more than January 2015.

Crop Average Prices Received

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Mar 2015
	Entire Month		Mid-Month ¹	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	4.79	4.13		
Soybeans (Bu) ²	13.80	10.20		
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)		
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	195.00	205.00		
Hay, Other (Ton)	95.00	105.00		

¹ Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ² Includes contract sales paid during month. ³ Includes yellow and white corn. ⁴ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

Livestock Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	United States		
	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015
	Entire Mon		Mid-Mon ²
	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.	\$/ Cwt.
All Hogs	81.90	50.40	
Barrows & Gilts	82.00	50.80	
Sows	79.30	39.70	
All Beef Cattle ³	148.00	159.00	
Steers & Heifers ⁴	150.00	161.00	
Cows	102.00	110.00	
Calves ⁵	216.00	277.00	

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ³ "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ⁴ 500 lbs. and over. ⁵ Under 500 lbs.