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Soybean Acres Up and Corn Acres Down from Last Year

Soybeans planted in Kentucky were estimated at 1.85 million acres, up 90,000 acres from 2014. Acres harvested for grain, at 1.84 million acres, was 90,000 above acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2015 was estimated at 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2014.

Acreage planted to corn in Kentucky was estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 120,000 acres from 2014. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 1.30 million acres, down 130,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2015 was estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year.

Farmers in Kentucky intend to set an estimated 62,000 acres of burley tobacco for harvest. This was down 14,000 from the 2014 level. Dark fire-cured tobacco acreage set was estimated at 9,500 acres, down 1,200 acres from the previous year. Dark air-cured tobacco acreage was estimated at 5,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Burley producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 84,000 acres, 17 percent below last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 600,000 acres, 30,000 acres below the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 450,000 acres, 60,000 acres below 2014. The U.S. Winter wheat planted area was estimated at 40.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 33.3 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Kentucky was estimated at 175,000 acres, up 10,000 from the 2014 crop. All other hay was estimated at 2.10 million acres, unchanged from a year ago. The U.S. All hay acreage was estimated at 56.5 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014.

Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2015 - Kentucky and United States

	Kentucky				United States			
	Planted ¹		Harvested		Planted ¹		Harvested	
	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 ² (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 ² (1,000 acres)
Corn	1,520	1,400	1,430	1,300	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101
Soybeans	1,760	1,850	1,750	1,840	83,701	85,139	83,061	84,449
Wheat, Winter ³	630	600	510	450	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329
Hay:								
All	--	--	2,265	2,275	--	--	57,092	56,539
Alfalfa	--	--	165	175	--	--	18,445	18,337
Other, All	--	--	2,100	2,100	--	--	38,647	38,202
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Tobacco:								
All	--	--	91,700	76,500	--	--	378,360	320,950
Burley	--	--	76,000	62,000	--	--	101,500	84,000
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	10,700	9,500	--	--	18,630	17,450
Dark Air-Cured	--	--	5,000	5,000	--	--	6,150	6,200

¹ Commodities with planted estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). ² Forecasted. ³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.