USDA Reports Increase in Maryland Soybean Acreage

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The U.S Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 490 thousand acres of soybeans planted in Maryland for 2021, up 1% from last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 480 thousand acres, up 3% from last year.

Following up to the Prospective Plantings report released in late spring, NASS surveyed approximately 9,100 segments of land and 65,900 farm operators during the first two weeks of June to gather information on what farmers actually planted. Key findings released in the Acreage report include:

Corn
- Corn planted area for 2021 is estimated at 470 thousand acres, down 2% from 2020.
- Corn area harvested for grain for 2021 is estimated at 390 thousand acres, down 9% from last year.

Winter Wheat
- Winter Wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 345 thousand acres, down 3% from a year ago.
- Winter Wheat harvested area for 2021 is estimated at 160 thousand acres, up 7% from last year.

All Hay
- Growers expect to harvest 189 thousand acres of hay, down 6% from last year.
- Other hay is estimated at 155 thousand acres, down 6% from 2020.
- Alfalfa hay is estimated at 34 thousand acres, down 3% from last year.

Barley
- Barley planted area for 2021 is 36 thousand acres, up 6% from 2020.
- Barley harvested area is estimated at 20 thousand acres, down 5% from 2020.

For the complete “Acreage” report, go to: https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z

The “Acreage” report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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