PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR MARYLAND

ANNAPOLIS, MD --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers’ 2021 planting intentions, according to Shareefah Williams, state statistician of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 78,000 farm operators across the United States.

Maryland’s 2021 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 470 thousand acres, down 2% from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 480 thousand acres, down 1% from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 35 thousand acres, up 3% from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 330 thousand acres, down 7% from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 210 thousand acres, up 5% from last year.

For the complete “Prospective Plantings” report, go to:
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