



News Release

Michigan Prospective Planting Report

Corn, soybean, and winter wheat planting intentions will be slightly down in Michigan for the year 2015, while increases in dry beans, sugar beets, barley and oats are expected, according to Ty Kalasus, acting director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has released its annual Prospective Plantings report, which provides the first official survey estimates of U.S. farmers' planting intentions for the 2015 growing season.

Michigan producers intend to plant 2.45 million acres of corn, down 100 thousand acres from last year. Producers plan to plant 2.10 million acres of soybeans, down 50 thousand acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 530 thousand acres, are down 40 thousand acres from 2014.

All hay, at 1.03 million acres intended, is up 50 thousand acres from last year. Oat planting intentions are up 20% from last year, at 60 thousand acres.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third consecutive year of an acreage decline and would be the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area in the U.S. for 2015 is estimated at a record high 84.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged in 21 of the 31 major producing States.

Nationally, all wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 55.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.75 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.43 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.0 million acres, down slightly from 2014. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 18 percent from the previous year.

Acres by Crop, Michigan and United States: 2013-2015

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Barley						
Planted1,000 acres	10	8	10	3,528	2,975	3,258
Beans, dry						
Planted1,000 acres	175.0	250.0	290.0	1,359.7	1,718.9	1,742.9
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	2,600	2,550	2,450	95,365	90,597	89,199
Hay, all						
Harvested1,000 acres	940	980	1,030	57,897	57,092	57,093
Oats						
Planted1,000 acres	50	50	60	2,980	2,723	2,931
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	1,930	2,150	2,100	76,840	83,701	84,635
Sugarbeets						
Planted1,000 acres	154	151	154	1,198	1,161.6	1,182.1
Wheat, winter						
Planted1,000 acres	620	570	530	43,230	42,399	40,751