



# News Release

## Michigan Prospective Planting Report

Corn, soybean, and winter wheat planting intentions will be higher in Michigan for the year 2016, while decreases in dry beans, sugar beets, and oats are expected, according to Marlo Johnson, 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 2016 growing season.

Michigan producers intend to plant 2.45 million acres of corn, up 100 thousand acres from last year. Producers plan to plant 2.10 million acres of soybeans, up 70 thousand acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 580 thousand acres, are up 70 thousand acres from 2015.

All dry hay, at 930 thousand acres intended for harvest, is down 40 thousand acres from last year. Oat planting intentions are down 33% from last year, at 50 thousand acres.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

Soybean planted area in the U.S. for 2016 is estimated at 82.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are down or unchanged in 23 of the 31 estimating States.

Nationally, all wheat planted area for 2016 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. The 2016 winter wheat planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2016 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, down 14 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 10.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2016 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous year.

### Acres by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Beans, dry						
Planted .....1,000 acres	230.0	275.0	215.0	1,701.6	1,764.4	1,559.0
Corn, all						
Planted .....1,000 acres	2,550	2,350	2,450	90,597	87,999	93,601
Hay, all						
Harvested .....1,000 acres	980	970	930	57,062	54,437	54,305
Oats						
Planted .....1,000 acres	55	75	50	2,753	3,088	2,751
Soybeans						
Planted .....1,000 acres	2,050	2,030	2,100	83,276	82,650	82,236
Sugarbeets						
Planted .....1,000 acres	151.0	152.0	151.0	1,162.5	1,158.8	1,158.6
Wheat, winter						
Planted .....1,000 acres	550	510	580	42,409	39,461	36,216