



# News Release

## Michigan Prospective Plantings

Winter wheat, sugarbeet, and dry bean planting intentions will be higher in Michigan for the year 2018, while corn acres remain the same and soybean acres decrease, 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 2018 growing season.

Michigan producers intend to plant 2.15 million acres of soybeans, down 130 thousand acres from last year. Producers plan to plant 2.25 million acres of corn, the same as last year. Winter wheat seedings, at 530 thousand acres, are up 50 thousand acres from 2017.

All dry hay, at 920 thousand acres intended for harvest, is up 20 thousand acres from last year. Oat planting intentions are down 9 percent from last year, at 50 thousand acres.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 88.0 million acres, down 2 percent or 2.14 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 33 of the 48 estimating states.

Soybean planted area in the U.S. for 2018 is estimated at 89.0 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are down or unchanged in 20 of the 31 estimating States.

Nationally, all wheat planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.3 million acres, up 3 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 winter wheat planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up slightly from both last year and the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.85 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.64 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2018 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, up 15 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2018 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

### Acres by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Beans, dry						
Planted .....1,000 acres	210.0	220.0	240.0	1,662.0	2,092.0	2,031.0
Corn, all						
Planted .....1,000 acres	2,400	2,250	2,250	94,004	90,167	88,026
Hay, all						
Harvested .....1,000 acres	870	900	920	53,481	53,784	53,726
Oats						
Planted .....1,000 acres	65	55	50	2,829	2,588	2,716
Soybeans						
Planted .....1,000 acres	2,070	2,280	2,150	83,433	90,142	88,982
Sugarbeets						
Planted .....1,000 acres	151.0	144.0	146.5	1,163.4	1,131.2	1,112.9
Wheat, winter						
Planted .....1,000 acres	610	480	530	36,152	32,696	32,708