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The annual *Prospective Plantings* report published by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service is based on the voluntary responses from approximately two thousand Minnesota producers. This report provides an indication of the acres farmers intend to plant in the 2016 crop year. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 8.2 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2016, 100,000 acres more than last year's actual planted acres, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report.

Farmers in Minnesota intend to plant 7.4 million acres of **soybeans**, down 3 percent from 2015.

Spring wheat producers intend to plant 1.35 million acres, down 130,000 acres from last year.

Minnesota **oat** producers intend to plant 200,000 acres of oats, down 80,000 acres from 2015.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 100,000 acres of **barley**, down 35,000 acres from the previous year.

Minnesota farmers intend to harvest 1.70 million acres of **dry hay** in 2016, up 8 percent from last year. If realized, this would be second smallest number of acres harvested, behind only last year's record low.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 444,000 acres of **sugarbeets** this year, up 1,000 acres from 2015.

Producers in Minnesota intend to plant 96,000 acres of **sunflowers** in 2016, down 5,000 acres from 2015. **Oil Sunflower** intentions, at 75,000 acres, are 2,000 acres below 2015. **Non-oil sunflower** planting intentions, at 21,000 acres, are 3,000 acres below last year.

Area Planted – Minnesota and United States: 2014-2016

Crop	Minnesota				United States			
	2014	2015	Intended 2016	'16 as % of '15	2014	2015	Intended 2016	'16 as % of '15
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Barley.....	75	135	100	74	3,031	3,558	3,140	88
Canola.....	15.0	23.0	24.0	104	1,715.0	1,777.0	1,747.5	98
Corn, all.....	8,200	8,100	8,200	101	90,597	87,999	93,601	106
Dry edible beans	155.0	190.0	155.0	82	1,701.6	1,764.4	1,559.0	88
Hay, all ²	1,910	1,570	1,700	108	57,062	54,437	54,305	100
Oats	230	280	200	71	2,753	3,088	2,751	89
Soybeans	7,350	7,600	7,400	97	83,276	82,650	82,236	99
Sugarbeets	440.0	443.0	444.0	100	1,162.5	1,158.8	1,158.6	100
Sunflowers, all.....	62.0	101.0	96.0	95	1,565.3	1,859.1	1,693.4	91
Sunflowers, oil.....	47.0	77.0	75.0	97	1,174.0	1,550.5	1,444.0	93
Sunflowers, non-oil.....	15.0	24.0	21.0	88	391.3	308.6	249.4	81
Wheat, all	1,262	1,532	1,385	90	56,841	54,644	49,559	91
Wheat, spring	1,220	1,480	1,350	91	13,025	13,247	11,348	86
Wheat, winter	42	52	35	67	42,409	39,461	36,216	92

¹Area harvested.

UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

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 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.

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.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

Million acres

