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Minnesota farmers intend to plant 7.50 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2018 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is 550,000 acres fewer than last year. If realized, this would be the lowest planted acreage since 2006.

Farmers in Minnesota intend to plant 7.90 million acres of **soybeans**, down 3 percent from 2017.

Spring wheat producers intend to plant 1.60 million acres, up 440,000 acres from last year.

Minnesota **oat** producers intend to plant 230,000 acres of oats, up 60,000 acres from 2017.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 65,000 acres of **barley**, down 15,000 acres from the previous year.

Minnesota farmers intend to harvest 1.50 million acres of **all hay** in 2018, up 9 percent from last year.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 422,700 acres of **sugarbeets** this year, up 2,700 acres from 2017.

Producers in Minnesota intend to plant 44,000 acres of **sunflowers** in 2018, up 5,300 acres from 2017. **Oil sunflower** intentions, at 40,000 acres, are 6,000 acres higher than in 2017. **Non-oil sunflower** planting intentions, at 4,000 acres, are down 15 percent from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2018 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 82,900 farm operators across the United States with more than 3,200 from Minnesota. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

Area Planted – Minnesota and United States: 2016-2018

Crop	Minnesota				United States			
	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'18 as % of '17 (percent)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'18 as % of '17 (percent)
Barley	95	80	65	81	3,059	2,481	2,286	92
Canola	29	36	45	125	1,714	2,077	2,076	100
Corn, all	8,450	8,050	7,500	93	94,004	90,167	88,026	98
Dry edible beans	155	170	185	109	1,662	2,092	2,031	97
Hay, all ²	1,520	1,380	1,500	109	53,481	53,784	53,726	100
Oats	210	170	230	135	2,829	2,588	2,716	105
Soybeans	7,550	8,150	7,900	97	83,433	90,142	88,982	99
Sugarbeets	437	420	423	101	1,163	1,131	1,113	98
Sunflowers, all	80	39	44	114	1,597	1,403	1,385	99
Sunflowers, oil	66	34	40	118	1,418	1,216	1,235	102
Sunflowers, non-oil	14	5	4	85	179	187	150	80
Wheat, all	1,321	1,170	1,611	138	50,119	46,012	47,339	103
Wheat, spring	1,310	1,160	1,600	138	11,555	11,009	12,627	115
Wheat, winter ³	11	10	11	110	36,152	32,696	32,708	100

¹ Intended plantings in 2018 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

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 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.

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.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

