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Minnesota farmers intend to plant 8.00 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2019 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is 100,000 acres above last year.

Farmers in Minnesota intend to plant 7.30 million acres of **soybeans**, down 6 percent from 2018.

Spring wheat producers intend to plant 1.53 million acres, down 80,000 acres from last year.

Minnesota **oat** producers intend to plant 170,000 acres of oats, down 10,000 acres from 2018.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 80,000 acres of **barley**, no change from the previous year.

Minnesota farmers intend to harvest 1.50 million acres of **all hay** in 2019, up 23 percent from last year.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 417,000 acres of **sugarbeets** this year, up 2,000 acres from 2018.

Producers in Minnesota intend to plant 51,000 acres of **sunflowers** in 2019, down 1,500 acres from 2018. **Oil sunflower** intentions, at 45,000 acres, are equal to 2018. **Non-oil sunflower** planting intentions, at 6,000 acres, are down 1,500 acres from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2019 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 82,400 farm operators across the United States with more than 3,100 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: 2017-2019

Crop	Minnesota				United States			
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'19 as % of '18 (percent)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'19 as % of '18 (percent)
Barley	80	80	80	100	2,486	2,543	2,550	100
Canola	36	46	55	120	2,077	1,991	1,904	96
Corn, all	8,050	7,900	8,000	101	90,167	89,129	92,792	104
Dry edible beans	170	175	175	100	2,097	2,081	1,237	59
Hay, all ²	1,360	1,220	1,500	123	52,777	52,839	53,090	100
Oats	170	180	170	94	2,589	2,746	2,555	93
Soybeans	8,150	7,800	7,300	94	90,162	89,196	84,617	95
Sugarbeets	420	415	417	100	1,131	1,113	1,120	101
Sunflowers, all	38.7	52.5	51.0	97	1,403	1,301	1,349	104
Sunflowers, oil	34.0	45.0	45.0	100	1,216	1,164	1,199	103
Sunflowers, non-oil	4.7	7.5	6.0	80	187	137	150	109
Wheat, spring	1,160	1,610	1,530	95	11,019	13,200	12,830	97

¹ Intended plantings in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested.

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Corn planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 92.8 million acres, up 4 percent or 3.66 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 34 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2019 is estimated at 84.6 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is down or unchanged in 26 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2019 is estimated at 45.8 million acres, down 4 percent from 2018. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2019 winter wheat planted area, at 31.5 million acres, is down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 22.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.55 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.55 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2019 is estimated at 12.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2018. Of this total, about 12.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2019 is estimated at 1.42 million acres, down 31 percent from the previous year.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

