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Minnesota farmers intend to plant 8.40 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2020 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is 600,000 acres above last year.

Farmers in Minnesota intend to plant 7.40 million acres of **soybeans**, up 8 percent from 2019.

Spring wheat producers intend to plant 1.35 million acres, down 100,000 acres from last year.

Minnesota **oat** producers intend to plant 250,000 acres of oats, up 10,000 acres from 2019.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 65,000 acres of **barley**, down 5,000 acres from last year.

Minnesota farmers intend to harvest 1.15 million acres of **all hay** in 2020, up 5 percent from last year.

Minnesota farmers intend to plant 427,000 acres of **sugarbeets** this year, up 3,000 acres from 2019.

Producers in Minnesota intend to plant 77,000 acres of **sunflowers** in 2020, up 19,000 acres from 2019. **Oil sunflower** intentions, at 71,000 acres, are up 18,000 acres from 2019. **Non-oil sunflower** planting intentions, at 6,000 acres, are up 1,000 acres from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2020 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 80,000 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: 2018-2020

Crop	Minnesota				United States			
	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'20 as % of '19 (percent)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'20 as % of '19 (percent)
Barley	80	70	65	93	2,548	2,721	2,921	107
Canola	46.0	51.0	62.0	122	1,990.7	2,040.0	1,989.0	98
Corn, all	7,900	7,800	8,400	108	88,871	89,700	96,990	108
Dry edible beans	185.0	210.0	215.0	102	2,094.5	1,287.4	1,372.0	107
Hay, all ²	1,220	1,100	1,150	105	52,839	52,425	53,283	102
Oats	180	240	250	104	2,746	2,810	3,012	107
Soybeans	7,750	6,850	7,400	108	89,167	76,100	83,510	110
Sugarbeets	415.0	424.0	427.0	101	1,113.1	1,132.0	1,138.5	101
Sunflowers, all	52.5	58.0	77.0	133	1,301.0	1,350.6	1,558.0	115
Sunflowers, oil	45.0	53.0	71.0	134	1,164.0	1,197.0	1,356.0	113
Sunflowers, non-oil	7.5	5.0	6.0	120	137.0	153.6	202.0	132
Wheat, spring	1,610	1,450	1,350	93	13,200	12,660	12,590	99

¹ Intended plantings in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers.

UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent or 7.29 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2020 is estimated at 83.5 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 22 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.7 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 winter wheat planted area, at 30.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.69 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2020 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.29 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

