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NEBRASKA 2019 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

LINCOLN, Neb. March 29, 2019 - Nebraska **corn** growers intend to plant 9.70 million acres this year, up 1 percent from 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 5.40 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

All hay acreage to be harvested is expected to total 2.80 million acres, up 4 percent from 2018.

Winter wheat acres seeded in the fall of 2018 are estimated at a record low 1.10 million acres, unchanged from last year.

Sorghum growers in Nebraska intend to plant 210,000 acres, down 9 percent from a year ago.

Oat intentions are estimated at 115,000 acres, down 8 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean acreage intentions are estimated at 95,000 acres, down 32 percent from 2018. Beginning in 2019, chickpeas are excluded from the dry edible bean estimates.

Sugarbeet growers expect to plant 43,800 acres, down 4 percent from last year.

Sunflower producers expect to plant a record low 25,000 acres, down 32 percent from 2018. **Oil** varieties account for a record low 15,000 acres, down 40 percent from a year ago. **Non-oil** varieties made up the balance of 10,000 acres, down 17 percent from the previous year.

Dry edible pea acreage intentions are estimated at 55,000 acres, down 5 percent from last year.

Estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March.

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