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Prospective Plantings for New England

CONCORD, NH --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2015 planting intentions, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 84,000 farm operators across the United States.

New England's 2015 key findings in the report are:

CORN

- **Connecticut** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 27 thousand acres, up 4 percent from last year.
- **Maine** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated 31 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Massachusetts** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 16 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **New Hampshire** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 14 thousand acres, down 7 percent from last year.
- **Rhode Island** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 2 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Vermont** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 90 thousand acres, down 2 percent from last year.

OATS

- **Maine** oat planted area for all purposes is estimated at 30 thousand acres, down 6 percent from last year.

BARLEY

- **Maine** barley planted area for all purposes is estimated at 13 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.

ALL DRY HAY

- **Connecticut** hay area harvested is estimated at 58 thousand acres, up 9 percent from last year.
- **Maine** hay area harvested is estimated at 137 thousand acres, down 9 percent from last year.
- **Massachusetts** hay area harvested is estimated at 82 thousand acres, up 9 percent from last year.
- **New Hampshire** hay area harvested is estimated at 53 thousand acres, down 2 percent from last year.
- **Rhode Island** hay area harvested is estimated at 8 thousand acres, up 14 percent from last year.
- **Vermont** hay area harvested is estimated at 190 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last year.

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