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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' 2016 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 83,000 farm operators across the United States.

New England's 2016 key findings in the report are:

CORN

- **Connecticut** corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 25 thousand acres, down 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 15 thousand acres, down 6 percent 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 95 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last year.

OATS

- **Maine** oat planted area for all purposes is estimated at 31 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last year.

ALL DRY HAY

- **Connecticut** hay area harvested is estimated at 55 thousand acres, up 4 percent from last year.
- **Maine** hay area harvested is estimated at 135 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Massachusetts** hay area harvested is estimated at 99 thousand acres, up 8 percent from last year.
- **New Hampshire** hay area harvested is estimated at 48 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.
- **Rhode Island** hay area harvested is estimated at 7 thousand acres, up 17 percent from last year.
- **Vermont** hay area harvested is estimated at 145 thousand acres, unchanged from last year.

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