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USDA Reports on New England Acreage

Concord, NH – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 177 thousand acres of corn planted for all purposes in New England for 2019, up 5 percent from last year.

Following up to the Prospective Plantings report released in late spring, NASS surveyed approximately 9,000 segments of land and 68,100 farm operators during the first two weeks of June to gather information on what farmers actually planted. Key findings released in the Acreage report include:

Connecticut

Corn planted for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 25 thousand acres, up 9 percent from 2018. Growers expect to harvest 52 thousand acres of hay, up 11 percent from last year. Other hay is estimated at 45 thousand acres, up 13 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay is estimated at 7 thousand acres, unchanged from the previous year.

Maine

Corn planted for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 32 thousand acres, up 3 percent from 2018. Oat planted area for 2019 is estimated at 21 thousand acres, unchanged from last year. Oat area harvested for 2019 is estimated at 20 thousand acres, up 5 percent from 2018. Growers expect to harvest a record low 100 thousand acres of hay, down 9 percent from last year. Other hay is estimated at 90 thousand acres, down 10 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay is estimated at 10 thousand acres, unchanged from the previous year. Area planted to potatoes in 2019 is estimated at 50 thousand acres, with harvested area at 49.5 thousand acres, both unchanged from the previous year.

Massachusetts

Corn planted for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 15 thousand acres, up 7 percent from 2018. Growers expect to harvest 70 thousand acres of hay, down 11 percent from last year. Other hay is estimated at 60 thousand acres, down 14 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay is estimated at 10 thousand acres, up 11 percent from the previous year.

New Hampshire

Corn planted for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 14 thousand acres, up 8 percent from 2018. Growers expect to harvest 45 thousand acres of hay, up 15 percent from last year. Other hay is estimated at 40 thousand acres, up 14 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay is estimated at 5 thousand acres, up 25 percent from the previous year.

Rhode Island

Corn planted for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at a record low 2 thousand acres, unchanged from the previous year. Growers expect to harvest 7 thousand acres of hay, up 17 percent from last year. Other hay is estimated at 6 thousand acres, up 20 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay is estimated at 1 thousand acres, the same as last year.

Vermont

Corn planted for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 89 thousand acres, up 5 percent from 2018. Growers expect to harvest a record low 158 thousand acres of hay, down 7 percent from last year. Other hay is estimated at 140 thousand acres, down 7 percent from 2018. Alfalfa hay is estimated at 18 thousand acres, down 10 percent from the previous year.

*For the complete ‘Acreage’ report released June 28, 2019 go to
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z>*

The ‘Acreage’ report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov

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