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Prospective Plantings for New Jersey

TRENTON, NJ --- The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2018 planting intentions, according to Bruce Eklund, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New Jersey Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of almost 83,000 farm operators across the United States.

Expected New Jersey plantings for corn acreage is down from last year and soybeans, wheat, and hay expected plantings are all up compared to last year. New Jersey's expected acres of harvested hay is the highest since 2004.

New Jersey's 2018 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 73 thousand acres.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 105 thousand acres.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 26 thousand acres.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 120 thousand acres.

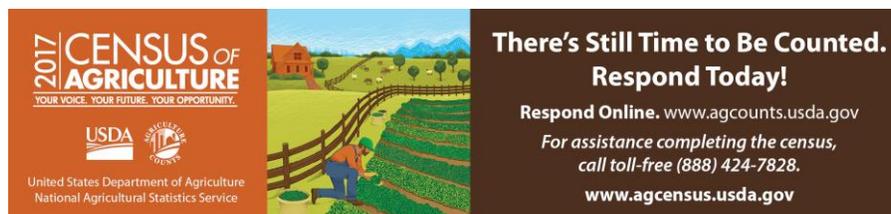
Nationally growers intend to plant 88.0 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2018, down 2 percent from last year. The 2018 **winter wheat** planted area is estimated at 32.7 million acres, up slightly from both 2017 and the previous estimate. This represents the third lowest planted acreage on record for the United States. Producers intend to harvest 53.7 million acres of **all hay** in 2018, down less than 1 percent from 2017. If realized, this will represent the second lowest total hay harvested area since 1908, only behind 2016.

For the complete 'Prospective Plantings' report, go to:

<https://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1136>

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