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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' 2019 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 about 82,400 farm operators across the United States. National prospective plantings find: Corn planted acreage up 4 percent, soybean acreage down 5 percent, all wheat down 4 percent.

New Jersey's 2019 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 72 thousand acres.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 97 thousand acres.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 19 thousand acres.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 116 thousand acres.

Amid a developing El Niño, the Nation experienced its wettest winter during the 124-year period of record, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information. While the stormy regime extended into nearly every corner of the country, wetness was most acute in the central and eastern United States.

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

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z?locale=en>

The complete 'Prospective Plantings' report and all other NASS reports are available online at

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