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March Planting Intentions for New Jersey

TRENTON, NJ --- The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2020 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 80,000 farm operators across the United States.

New Jersey corn planting intentions are up 17 percent, the most since 2013. Conversely, soybean planting intentions are down 16 percent from last year. The last time New Jersey corn planted acres exceeded those of soybeans was 2011, though they were tied in 2013. Expected wheat harvested acres are up 32 percent from last year's harvested acres. Expected hay harvested acres are close to last year's harvested acres.

New Jersey's 2020 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 90 thousand acres.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 80 thousand acres.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 25 thousand acres.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 90 thousand acres.

Nationally, corn planted was up 8 percent, soybean acreage was up 10 percent, and all wheat acreage was down 1 percent, representing the lowest wheat planted acreage since records began in 1919.

For the complete "*Prospective Plantings*" report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x633f100h>

The "*Prospective Plantings*" report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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