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## ACREAGE – JUNE 2015

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 2 percent from 2014 to 1,008,000 acres, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

New Mexico **corn** producers planted 120,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 40,000 acres for grain, down from 48,000 acres harvested in 2014. This is a decrease of 17 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 4 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 140,000 acres, increased 27 percent from the previous year and acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 70,000 acres, increased 17 percent.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 380,000 acres for harvest in 2015, unchanged from the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain increased 135,000 acres from last year to 240,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to increase 10,000 acres from a year ago to 315,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 10,000 acres to 220,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 95,000 acres. **Peanut** growers planted an estimated 5,000 acres, unchanged from 2014. Harvested acreage is expected to total 5,000 acres, also unchanged from last year.

Acreage planted to **upland cotton** is estimated at 30,000 acres, down 13,000 acres from last year. **American-Pima cotton** planted area, at 5,000 acres, is down 400 acres from 2014. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 12,500 acres, are up 19 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 12,400 acres.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn:** The 2015 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 98 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, the same as the 10-year average.

**Sorghum:** Area planted to sorghum in 2015 is estimated at 8.84 million acres, up 24 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum producing States, account for 72 percent of the United States acreage. Growers expect to harvest 7.77 million acres for grain, up 21 percent from last year.

**Winter wheat:** The 2015 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 40.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 4 percent from last year. States with notable acreage increases from the previous estimate are Alabama and Texas. Of the total acreage, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.44 million are White Winter. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 33.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from last year. Harvested acres are down from last year in the Northern Great Plains due to dry conditions. Conversely, increases from last year are expected in Montana and the Northwest.

**Hay:** Producers intend to harvest 56.5 million acres of all hay in 2015, down 1 percent from 2014. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.3 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from 2014. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is expected to hold steady or decline in

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many Western States. The most noteworthy declines to other hay harvested acreage are expected throughout the Southern Plains and Southeast. A record low for all hay harvested area is expected in California and Ohio in 2015.

**Cotton:** Area planted to cotton in 2015 is estimated at 9.0 million acres, down 18 percent from last year, and the lowest planted area since 1983. Upland area is estimated at 8.85 million acres, down 18 percent from 2014. American Pima is estimated at 148,000 acres, down 23 percent from 2014. Cotton planted area in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee for 2015 is estimated at record lows.

**Dry beans:** United States dry edible bean planted area is estimated at 1.71 million acres for 2015, down less than 1 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.66 million acres, also down less than 1 percent from the previous year. Planted area is lower than last year in 8 of the 18 estimating States.

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