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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 down 2 percent from 2015 to 957,000 acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

New Mexico **corn** producers planted 125,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 50,000 acres for grain, up from 40,000 acres harvested in 2015. This is an increase of 25 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and no change in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 135,000 acres, increased 8 percent from the previous year and acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 95,000 acres, increased 6 percent.

Winter wheat producers planted 370,000 acres for harvest in 2016, down from 385,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain decreased 10,000 acres from last year to 180,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to be unchanged from a year ago at 280,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 190,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 90,000 acres. **Peanut** growers planted an estimated 5,000 acres, unchanged from 2015. Harvested acreage is expected to total 5,000 acres, also unchanged from last year.

Acreage planted to **upland cotton** is estimated at 35,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **American-Pima cotton** planted area, at 7,000 acres, unchanged from 2015.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn: The 2016 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year and the third highest planted acreage since 1944. Growers expect to harvest 86.6 million acres for grain, up 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest acres harvested for grain since 1933.

Sorghum: Area planted to sorghum in 2016 is estimated at 7.23 million acres, down 15 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum-producing States, account for 77 percent of the United States acreage. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Arkansas. Growers expect to harvest 6.46 million acres for grain, down 18 percent from last year.

Winter wheat: The 2016 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 36.5 million acres, up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate but down 7 percent from last year. Of the total acreage, about 26.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.58 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million are White Winter. Record low planted acreages are expected in Nebraska and Utah.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 56.1 million acres of all hay in 2016, up 3 percent from 2015. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.1 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2015. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.1 million acres, up 4 percent from 2015. Harvested area of all hay is expected to increase or hold steady in most southern and western States. Meanwhile, the most significant declines are expected in the Northern Plains States.

Peanuts: Growers planted an estimated 1.56 million acres in 2016, down 4 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.53 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. The decrease in planted area is largely driven by price concerns due to the large supply of peanuts. Over the last two years, growers increased peanut acres in many States due to relatively low prices of other crops creating a large supply going into the 2016 crop year. In Georgia, the largest peanut-producing State, planted area is down 3 percent from 2015. If realized, planted acres in Texas will be the highest since 2008 and South Carolina will be a record high.

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Cotton: Area planted to cotton in 2016 is estimated at 10.0 million acres, up 17 percent from last year. Upland area is estimated at 9.82 million acres, up 17 percent from 2015. American Pima is estimated at 199,000 acres, up 26 percent from 2015.

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