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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2016

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, New Mexico growers intend to plant 105,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2016, down 20,000 acres, or 16 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Sorghum** intentions total 125,000 acres, unchanged from plantings last year. **Winter wheat** seeded last fall for harvest in 2016 is estimated at 370,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from the 2015 crop. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 260,000 acres this year. This is down 20,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2015.

Peanut acreage is expected to total 5,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Producers intend to plant 48,000 acres of **all cotton** in 2016, an increase of 14 percent from last year. Of that, 40,000 acres are **upland** cotton, and 8,000 acres are **American Pima** cotton.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

Growers intend to plant 7.22 million acres of **sorghum** for all purposes in 2016, down 15 percent from last year.

All wheat planted area for 2016 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. The 2016 **winter wheat** planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter.

Producers intend to harvest 54.3 million acres of **all hay** in 2016, down slightly from 2015.

Peanut growers intend to plant 1.48 million acres in 2016, down 9 percent from the previous year. The expected 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.

All cotton planted area for 2016 is estimated at 9.56 million acres, 11 percent above last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 9.35 million acres, up 11 percent from 2015. **American Pima** area is estimated at 215,000 acres, up 36 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Prospective Plantings* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov