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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 5 percent from 2018 to 822,000 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 120,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 35,000 acres for grain, unchanged from the acres harvested in 2018. This is a decrease of 11 percent from last year's corn planted acreage for all purposes.

Winter wheat producers planted 350,000 acres for harvest in 2019, up from 315,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is up 15,000 acres from last year to 120,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to increase 20,000 acres from a year ago to 270,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 10,000 acres to 170,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to increase 10,000 acres to 100,000 acres. **Peanut** growers planted an estimated 5,000 acres, down 500 acres from 2018. Harvested acreage is expected to total 5,000 acres, down 500 acres from last year.

Acreage planted to **upland cotton** is estimated at 70,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from last year. **American-Pima cotton** planted area, at 7,000 acres, is up 200 acres from 2018.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 91.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are up or unchanged in 40 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 83.6 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year.

Sorghum growers planted 5.13 million acres for all purposes in 2019, down 10 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum-producing States, account for 79 percent of the United States acreage. Growers expect to harvest 4.59 million acres for grain, down 9 percent from last year.

All wheat planted area for 2019 is estimated at 45.6 million acres, down 5 percent from 2018. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2019 **winter wheat** planted area, at 31.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 22.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.54 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.55 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2019 is estimated at 12.4 million acres, down 6 percent from 2018. Of this total, about 12.0 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 32 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 52.8 million acres of **all hay** in 2019, down less than 1 percent from 2018. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1908. The decrease in acreage is due to a 1 percent decrease in **all other hay** (excluding alfalfa) acreage compared to 2018. Acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** are expected to be up 1 percent compared with 2018.

Peanut planted area is estimated at 1.36 million acres in 2019, down 4 percent from 2018 and the lowest planted area since 2014. Area for harvest is forecast at 1.32 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. In Georgia, the largest peanut-producing State, planted area is down 10 percent from 2018

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All cotton planted area for 2019 is estimated at 13.7 million acres, 3 percent below last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 13.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2018. **American Pima** area is estimated at 275,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2018.

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