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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2019

### NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, New Mexico growers intend to plant 125,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2019, down 10,000 acres, or 7 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. **Winter wheat** seeded last fall for harvest in 2019 is estimated at 330,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from the 2018 crop. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 230,000 acres this year. This is down 20,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2018.

**Peanut** acreage is expected to total 5,000 acres, down 500 acres from last year. Producers intend to plant 78,000 acres of **all cotton** in 2019, a decrease of 7 percent from last year. Of that, 70,000 acres are **upland** cotton, down 9 percent from last year, and 8,000 acres are **American Pima** cotton, up 14 percent from last year.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 92.8 million acres, up 4 percent or 3.66 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 34 of the 48 estimating States.

**All wheat** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 45.8 million acres, down 4 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 31.5 million acres, is down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 22.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.55 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 12.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2018. Of this total, about 12.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 1.42 million acres, down 31 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 53.1 million acres of **all hay** in 2019, up less than 1 percent from 2018. If realized, this will represent the third lowest total hay harvested area since 1908, behind 2017 and 2018.

Growers intend to plant 1.45 million acres of **peanuts** in 2019, up 2 percent from 2018.

**All cotton** planted area for 2019 is estimated at 13.8 million acres, 2 percent below last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 13.5 million acres, down 2 percent from 2018. **American Pima** area is estimated at 255,000 acres, up 2 percent from 2018.

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