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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2020

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, New Mexico growers intend to plant 135,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2020, 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 2020 is estimated at 330,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from the 2019 crop. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 250,000 acres this year. This is up 5,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2019.

Peanut acreage is expected to total 5,000 acres, up 300 acres from last year. Producers intend to plant 73,000 acres of **all cotton** in 2020, an increase of 7 percent from last year. Of that, 65,000 acres are **upland** cotton, up 3 percent from last year, and 8,000 acres are **American Pima** cotton, up 51 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent or 7.29 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.7 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 **winter wheat** planted area, at 30.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.69 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to **other spring wheat** for 2020 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.29 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 53.3 million acres of **all hay** in 2020, up 2 percent from 2019.

Peanut growers intend to plant 1.53 million acres in 2020, up 7 percent from 2019.

All cotton planted area for 2020 is estimated at 13.7 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 13.5 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2019. **American Pima** area is estimated at 228,000 acres, down 1 percent from 2019.

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