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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2021

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, New Mexico growers intend to plant 100,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2021, down 25,000 acres, or 20 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 2021 is estimated at 350,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the 2020 crop. Hay producers in the state intend to harvest 270,000 acres this year. This is up 45,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2020.

Peanut acreage is expected to total 6,500 acres, up 300 acres from last year. Producers intend to plant 42,000 acres of all cotton in 2021, a decrease of 22 percent from last year. Of that, 34,000 acres are upland cotton, down 21 percent from last year, and 8,000 acres are American Pima cotton, down 27 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 is estimated at 91.1 million acres, up less than 1 percent or an increase of 325,000 acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 24 of the 48 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 46.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2020. This represents the fourth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2021 winter wheat planted area, at 33.1 million acres, is up 9 percent from last year and up 3 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.42 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.48 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2021 is estimated at 11.7 million acres, down 4 percent from 2020. Of this total, about 10.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2021 is expected to total 1.54 million acres, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 51.7 million acres of all hay in 2021, down 1 percent from 2020. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1908.

Peanut growers intend to plant 1.63 million acres in 2021, down 2 percent from 2020, but 13 percent above 2019.

All cotton planted area for 2021 is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year. Upland area is estimated at 11.9 million acres, up slightly from 2020. American Pima area is estimated at 142,000 acres, down 30 percent from 2020.

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