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New York Farmers Expect to Tie Record High for Soybean Acreage

ALBANY, NY --- For a second year in a row, New York growers intend to plant record high soybean acreage. Growers across the State intend to plant an estimated 330 thousand acres of soybeans in 2015 according to the Prospective Plantings report released on March 31 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). If realized, soybean acreage will tie a record high set last year in the Empire State.

The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2015 planting intentions, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of more than 84,000 farm operators across the United States.

Other New York's 2015 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 1.12 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 8 thousand acres, down 33 percent from last year.
- **Oat** planted area is estimated at 65 thousand acres, up 18 percent from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 130 thousand acres, up 8 percent from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 1.47 million acres, up 7 percent from last year.
- **Dry Edible Beans** area harvested is estimated at 9 thousand acres, up 13 percent from last year.

The complete Prospective Plantings report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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