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2018 NORTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

FARGO, N.D. March 29, 2018 - North Dakota **spring wheat** producers intend to plant 6.40 million acres, up 20 percent from 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area planted to **durum wheat** is expected to total 1.00 million acres, down 21 percent from last year. **Winter wheat** acres seeded last fall totaled 90,000 acres, up 29 percent from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 7.10 million acres, unchanged from last year's record high.

Corn planted acreage is expected to be 3.05 million acres, down 11 percent from 2017.

All hay acreage to be harvested is expected to total 2.70 million acres, up 2 percent from last year's acreage.

Canola planted acreage is expected to be 1.65 million acres, up 4 percent from last year, and is a record high.

Sunflower producers expect to plant 450,000 acres, up 3 percent from 2017. **Oil** type varieties account for 405,000 acres, up 3 percent from a year ago. **Non-oil** varieties made up the balance at 45,000 acres, up 5 percent from a year ago.

Barley producers intend to plant 400,000 acres, down 23 percent from last year, and ties the record low from 2011.

Dry edible bean acreage intentions are estimated at 620,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2017. All dry edible bean acreage estimate includes chickpea acreage estimates.

All chickpea planted acreage intentions are estimated at 47,000 acres, up 7 percent from last year, and is a record high. **Large chickpea** account for 35,000 acres, up 14 percent from last year, and is a record high. **Small chickpea** made up the balance at 12,000 acres, down 9 percent from last year.

Dry edible pea planting intentions are estimated at 360,000 acres, down 15 percent from last year.

Lentil intentions are estimated at 180,000 acres, down 33 percent from last year.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 170,000 acres, down 31 percent from last year.

Sugarbeet growers expect to plant 199,100 acres, down 7 percent from last year.

Oat intentions are estimated at 290,000 acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March.

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan//2010s/2018/ProsPlan-03-29-2018.pdf>

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