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2015 NORTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

FARGO, ND, March 31, 2015 - North Dakota **spring wheat** producers intend to plant 6.30 million acres, up 1 percent from 2014, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area planted to **Durum wheat** is expected to total 870,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. **Winter wheat** acres seeded last fall totaled 250,000 acres, down 71 percent from last year's record high of 870,000 acres planted.

Soybean growers intend to plant 5.80 million acres, down 2 percent from last year's record high planted acreage of 5.90 million acres.

Corn growers in North Dakota intend to plant 2.70 million acres, down 4 percent from last year.

All hay acreage to be harvested is estimated at 2.60 million acres, down 4 percent from 2014.

Canola planting intentions are 1.20 million acres, unchanged from last year.

Sunflower planted acreage is expected to total 870,000 acres, up 31 percent from last year. **Oil sunflower** planting intentions are 790,000 acres, up 52 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** area is expected to total 80,000 acres, down 45 percent from 2014.

Barley producers intend to plant 900,000 acres, up 45 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean acreage intentions are estimated at 610,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2014.

Dry edible peas are estimated at 295,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year.

Lentil intentions are estimated at 130,000 acres, up 73 percent from last year.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 370,000 acres, up 35 percent from last year.

Sugarbeet growers expect to plant 224,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year.

Oat intentions are estimated at 250,000 acres, up 6 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/2015/ProsPlan-03-31-2015.pdf>

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