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2016 NORTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

FARGO, ND, March 31, 2016 - North Dakota **spring wheat** producers intend to plant 5.70 million acres, down 15 percent from 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area planted to **Durum wheat** is expected to total 1.20 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. **Winter wheat** acres seeded last fall totaled 140,000 acres, down 30 percent from last year.

Soybean growers intend to plant 5.90 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this would tie the current record high established in 2014.

Corn growers in North Dakota intend to plant 3.40 million acres, up 24 percent from last year.

All hay acreage to be harvested is estimated at 2.80 million acres, up 2 percent from previous year.

Canola planting intentions are 1.45 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Sunflower planted acreage is expected to total 725,000 acres, up 1 percent from 2015. **Oil sunflower** planting intentions are 630,000 acres, up 2 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** area is expected to total 95,000 acres, down 5 percent from 2015.

Barley producers intend to plant 800,000 acres, down 29 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean acreage intentions are estimated at 590,000 acres, down 10 percent from 2015.

Dry edible pea planting intentions are estimated at 640,000 acres, up 66 percent from the last year. If realized, this would be a new record high surpassing 610,000 acres planted in 2006.

Lentil intentions are estimated at 240,000 acres, up 45 percent from last year.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 340,000 acres, down 17 percent from last year.

Sugarbeet growers expect to plant 210,000 acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Oat intentions are estimated at 320,000 acres, up 16 percent from last year.

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

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