



News Release

Ohio Prospective Plantings Report

Ohio farmers plan to plant fewer soybean acres this year and the same number of corn acres as last year, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office.

Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.50 million acres this spring, unchanged from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 4.65 million acres for 2016, down 100,000 acres from last year. Producers also plan to harvest fewer hay acres, with intentions down 80,000 acres from 2015 to 1.00 million acres. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2016 is estimated at 600,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from the previous year. Ohio's oat acreage is also projected to increase from 70,000 to 75,000 acres.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2016 is estimated at 82.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are down or unchanged in 23 of the 31 estimating States.

Nationally, all wheat planted area for 2016 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. The 2016 winter wheat planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2016 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, down 14 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 10.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2016 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Acres by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	3,700	3,550	3,550	90,597	87,999	93,601
Hay, all						
Harvested 1,000 acres	960	1,080	1,000	57,062	54,437	54,305
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	50	70	75	2,753	3,088	2,751
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	4,700	4,750	4,650	83,276	82,650	82,236
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	620	520	600	42,409	39,461	36,216

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