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Once Again Pennsylvania Farmers Intend to Plant Record-High Soybean Acreage

HARRISBURG, PA --- For the 2019 crop season, Pennsylvania growers are likely to plant a record amount of land with soybeans and will also boost the area devoted to corn. Growers across the State intend to plant an estimated record 650 thousand acres of soybeans in 2019, up 2 percent from the previous record set in 2018, according to the *Prospective Plantings* report released today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Corn planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 1.37 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2019 planting intentions, according to King Whetstone, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 82,400 farm operators across the United States.

Other Pennsylvania's 2019 key findings in the report are:

- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 40 thousand acres, down 11 percent from last year.
- **Oat** planted area is estimated at 70 thousand acres, up 8 percent from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 200 thousand acres, up 3 percent from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 1.22 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.
- **Tobacco** harvested area is estimated at 7,600 acres, down 3 percent from last year.

For the complete 'Prospective Plantings' report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z?locale=en>

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