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Winter Wheat Planted Acreage highest since 1976 in Pennsylvania *USDA Reports Decrease in Pennsylvania Corn Acreage; Soybean Acreage Unchanged*

HARRISBURG, PA – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 270 thousand acres of winter wheat planted area in Pennsylvania for 2021, up 15% from last year, according to King Whetstone, director of the USDA’s NASS, Northeastern Regional Field Office. This is the highest recorded planted acreage in the Commonwealth since 1976. Area harvested is estimated at 185 thousand acres, down 3% from 2020.

Following up to the Prospective Plantings report released in late spring, NASS surveyed approximately 9,100 segments of land and 65,900 farm operators during the first two weeks of June to gather information on what farmers actually planted. Key findings released in the Acreage report include:

Corn

- Corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 is estimated at 1.38 million acres, down 8% from last year.
- Corn harvested for grain in 2021 is estimated at 900 thousand acres, down 10% from last year.

Soybean

- Soybean planted area for 2021 is estimated at 640 thousand acres, unchanged from 2020.
- Soybean area harvested for 2021 is estimated at 630 thousand acres, unchanged from 2020.

All Hay

- Growers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres of hay, down 11% from last year.
- Other hay is estimated at 860 thousand acres, down 10% from 2020.
- Alfalfa hay is estimated at 350 thousand acres, down 11% from last year.

Tobacco

- Tobacco harvested area for 2021 is estimated at 5,500 acres, unchanged from 2020.

For the complete ‘Acreage’ report released June 30, 2021 go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z>

The ‘Acreage’ report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov

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