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Pennsylvania farmers intend to reduce the area devoted to corn and soybeans

HARRISBURG, PA --- For the 2022 crop season, Pennsylvania growers intend to reduce the area devoted to corn and soybeans. Growers across the State intend to plant 1.23 million acres of corn for all purposes, down 8% from last year, according to the *Prospective Plantings* report released today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Soybean planted in 2022 is estimated at 570 thousand acres, down 5% from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2022 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 73,000 farm operators across the United States.

Other Pennsylvania's 2022 key findings in the report are:

- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 48 thousand acres, up 7% from last year.
- **Oat** planted area is estimated at 87 thousand acres, up 2% from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 275 thousand acres, up 2% from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at a record low 1.19 million acres, down 3% from last year.
- **Tobacco** harvested area is estimated at 4,650 acres, down 13% from last year.

For the complete 'Prospective Plantings' report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x633f100h>

The complete 'Prospective Plantings' report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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