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More corn, less soybeans in Pennsylvania according to latest USDA report

HARRISBURG, PA --- For the 2023 crop season, Pennsylvania growers intend to increase the area devoted to corn. Growers across the State intend to plant 1.31 million acres of corn for all purposes, up 11% 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 area in 2023 is estimated at 590 thousand acres, down 2% from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2023 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 72,900 farm operators across the United States.

Other Pennsylvania's 2023 key findings in the report are:

- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 37 thousand acres, down 10% from last year.
- **Oat** planted area is estimated at 78 thousand acres, down 10% from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 290 thousand acres, up 7% from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 1.36 million acres, up 1% from last year.
- **Tobacco** harvested area is estimated at 4,700 acres, down 6% from last year. Lowest harvested acres since 2004.

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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