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2017 SOUTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

SIoux FALLS, S.D. March 31, 2017 - South Dakota **corn** growers intend to plant 5.40 million acres this year, down 4 percent from 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 5.40 million acres, up 4 percent from last year, and is a record high.

All hay acreage to be harvested is expected to total 3.20 million acres, up 3 percent from last year's acreage.

Winter wheat acres seeded in the fall of 2016 are estimated at 900 thousand, down 24 percent from last year. **Other spring wheat** planting intentions are 940 thousand acres, down 13 percent from last year, and is a record low. **Durum** wheat seeding intentions, at 4,000 acres, are down 60 percent from last year and ties the record low realized in both 2013 and 2014.

Sunflower producers expect to plant 585 thousand acres, up 5 percent from 2016. **Oil** type varieties account for 510 thousand acres, unchanged from a year ago. **Non-oil** varieties made up the balance at 75 thousand acres, up 56 percent from a year ago.

Oat intentions are estimated at 265 thousand acres, down 10 percent from last year.

Sorghum growers intend to plant 250 thousand acres, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Dry edible pea planting intentions are estimated at 35 thousand acres, up 9 percent from a year ago, and is a record high.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 3,000 acres, down 70 percent from 2016, and is a record low.

Estimates in this report are based on a survey conducted during the first two weeks of March.

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