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2018 SOUTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

SIoux FALLS, S.D. March 29, 2018 - South Dakota **corn** growers intend to plant 5.70 million acres this year, unchanged from 2017, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to be 5.60 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

All hay acreage to be harvested is expected to total 3.15 million acres, up 2 percent from last year's acreage.

Winter wheat acres seeded in the fall of 2017 are estimated at 830,000, down 9 percent from last year. **Other spring wheat** planting intentions are 1.05 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 9,000 acres, are up 29 percent from last year.

Sunflower producers expect to plant 585,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2017. **Oil** type varieties account for 540,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago. **Non-oil** varieties made up the balance at 45,000 acres, down 45 percent from a year ago.

Oat intentions are estimated at 280,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year.

Sorghum growers intend to plant 300,000 acres, up 11 percent from a year ago.

Dry edible pea planting intentions are estimated at 30,000 acres, down 21 percent from a year ago, and is a record low.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 10,000 acres, up 67 percent from 2017.

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

Access the National publication for this release at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ProsPlan//2010s/2018/ProsPlan-03-29-2018.pdf>

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