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2015 SOUTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 31, 2015 - **Corn** growers in South Dakota intend to plant 5.20 million acres, down 10 percent from 2014, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Soybean acres intended to be planted total 5.15 million acres, matching last year's record high.

All hay acreage to be harvested is estimated at 3.50 million acres, up 8 percent from 2014.

Winter wheat acres seeded last fall totaled 1.42 million acres, up 17 percent from a year earlier. **Other spring wheat** planting intentions are 1.30 million acres, unchanged from last year. **Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 5,000 acres, are up 1,000 acres from last year's record tying low. The record low of 4,000 acres planted occurred in years 2013 and 2014.

Sunflower planted acreage is expected to total 530,000 acres, down 1 percent from last year. **Oil sunflower** will account for 420,000 acres, up 2 percent from 2014. **Non-oil sunflower** will account for 110,000 acres, down 12 percent from a year ago.

Oat acres to be seeded, estimated at 250,000 acres, are unchanged from last year

Sorghum planted acreage is expected to total 195,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2014.

Barley planting intentions, estimated at 40,000 acres, are up 12,000 acres from last year.

Dry edible bean planting intentions, estimated at 13,000 acres, are down 1,000 acres from 2014.

Flaxseed planted acreage is expected to total 10,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from a year ago.

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

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