



# News Release

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## 2016 SOUTH DAKOTA PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 31, 2016 - **Corn** growers in South Dakota intend to plant 5.70 million acres, up 6 percent from 2015, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Soybean** acres intended to be planted total 5.00 million acres, down just 3 percent from the record high of 5.15 million acres planted in both 2014 and 2015.

**All hay** acreage to be harvested is estimated at 3.25 million acres, down 4 percent from 2015.

**Winter wheat** acres seeded last fall totaled 1.15 million acres, down 19 percent from a year earlier. **Other spring wheat** planting intentions are 1.13 million acres, down 15 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 4,000 acres, are down 2,000 acres from last year and ties the record low realized in both 2013 and 2014.

**Sunflower** acres intended to be planted total 605,000 acres, down 11 percent from last year. **Oil sunflower** plantings will account for 530,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2015. **Non-oil sunflower** will account for 75,000 acres, down 24 percent from a year ago.

**Oat** acres to be seeded, estimated at 310,000 acres, are down 5 percent from last year

**Sorghum** planted acreage is expected to total 250,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2015.

**Dry edible pea** planting intentions are estimated at 25,000 acres. The 2016 crop marks the first year that dry edible pea acreage and production estimates will be published for South Dakota.

**Flaxseed** planted acreage is expected to total 12,000 acres, down 7,000 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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