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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2016

### UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Utah growers intend to plant 75,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2016, up 15,000 acres, or 25 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Growers intend to plant 30,000 acres of **barley** in 2016, up 3,000 acres from last year's actual plantings. **All wheat** acreage is expected to total 126,000 acres for 2016. **Winter wheat** seeded last fall for harvest in 2016 is estimated at 115,000 acres, unchanged from the 2015 crop. Growers intend to seed 11,000 acres of **spring wheat** this year, up 1,000 acres from last year. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 680,000 acres this year. This is up 10,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2015.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

Producers intend to seed 3.14 million acres of **barley** for the 2016 crop year, down 12 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the fourth smallest seeded area on record.

**All wheat** planted area for 2016 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. The 2016 **winter wheat** planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to **other spring wheat** for 2016 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, down 14 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 10.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat.

Producers intend to harvest 54.3 million acres of **all hay** in 2016, down slightly from 2015.

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