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WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2018

Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2018 is estimated at 7,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2017. The projected harvest for grain is 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2017.

Corn planted is estimated at 48,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2017. Growers expect to harvest 32,000 acres for grain, down 1,000 acres from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 27,000 acres, unchanged from 2017. Harvested acreage is projected at 26,000 acres, unchanged from 2017.

All hay harvested is forecast at 585,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 15,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. Other hay harvested is expected to be 570,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2018, Agricultural Survey.

UNITED STATES WITH 2017 COMPARISONS

Corn planted for all purposes – 89.1 million acres, down 1 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:

Insect resistant (Bt) - 2% of 2018 crop, 3% of 2017 crop;

Herbicide resistant - 10% of 2018 crop, 12% of 2017 crop;

Stacked gene - 80% of 2018 crop, 77% of 2017 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2018 crop, 92% of 2017 crop.

Corn harvested for grain – 81.8 million acres, down 1 percent.

Winter wheat planted – 32.7 million acres, up less than 1 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain – 24.8 million acres, down 2 percent.

Oats planted – 2.89 million acres, up 11 percent.

Oats harvested for grain – 1,009,000 acres, up 26 percent.

All tobacco harvested – 303,680 acres, down 6 percent.

Burley tobacco harvested – 69,800 acres, down 14 percent.

All hay for harvest – 55.1 million acres, up 2 percent.

Alfalfa hay for harvest - 17.4 million acres, up 5 percent.

Other hay for harvest – 37.7 million acres, up 1 percent.

Soybeans planted - 89.6 million acres, down 1 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2018 crop, 94% of 2017 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2018 crop, 94% of 2017 crop.

Soybeans for harvest – 88.9 million acres, down less than 1 percent.