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WEST VIRGINIA 2016 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Charleston, West Virginia – Corn plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 50,000 acres, unchanged from acres planted in 2015, but down 2 percent or 1,000 acres from 2014.

Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 11 percent or 1,000 acres from 2015, and down 20 percent or 2,000 acres from 2014.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 26,000 acres, down 4 percent or 1,000 acres from 2015, and also down 4 percent or 1,000 acres from 2014.

All hay acreage harvested is expected to total 620,000 acres, up 5 percent or 30,000 acres from 2015, and up less than 1 percent or 2,000 acres from 2014.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2016, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

UNITED STATES WITH 2015 COMPARISONS

Corn plantings – 93.6 million acres, up 6%.

Oat plantings – 2.75 million acres, down 11%.

Winter wheat planted – 36.2 million acres, down 8%.

All tobacco for harvest – 314,450 acres, down 4%.

Burley tobacco for harvest – 79,150 acres, up less than 1%.

Soybean plantings – 82.2 million acres, down less than 1%.

Sorghum plantings – 7.2 million acres, down 15%.

Barley plantings – 3.14 million acres, down 12%.

All hay for harvest – 54.3 million acres, down less than 1%.