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WEST VIRGINIA 2018 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Charleston, West Virginia – Corn plantings in West Virginia are expected to total 50,000 acres, unchanged from acres planted in 2017, but up 2 percent or 1,000 acres from 2016.

Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 6,000 acres, down 25 percent or 2,000 acres from 2017, and down 14 percent or 1,000 acres from 2016.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 27,000 acres, unchanged from acres planted in 2017, and also unchanged from acres planted in 2016.

All hay acreage harvested is expected to total 570,000 acres, down 3 percent or 18,000 acres from 2017, and down 3 percent or 17,000 acres from 2016.

Note: These estimates were based on results from the March 1, 2018, Agricultural Survey. Forecasted estimates may change as the survey year continues and/or planting intentions by farmers are altered.

UNITED STATES WITH 2017 COMPARISONS

Corn plantings – 88.0 million acres, down 2%.

Oat plantings – 2.72 million acres, up 5%.

Winter wheat planted – 32.7 million acres, up slightly.

All tobacco for harvest – 309,580 acres, down 4%.

Burley tobacco for harvest – 72,900 acres, down 11%.

Soybean plantings – 89.0 million acres, down 1%.

Sorghum plantings – 5.9 million acres, up 5%.

Barley plantings – 2.29 million acres, down 8%.

All hay for harvest – 53.7 million acres, down slightly.