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Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 3.90 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2020 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is up 100,000 acres from 2019.

Producers intend to plant 1.95 million acres of **soybeans** in Wisconsin this year. This is a 200,000 acre increase from 2019. If realized, this would be Wisconsin’s fourth largest planted acreage on record.

Farmers in Wisconsin expect to harvest 1.35 million acres of **all hay** for the 2020 crop year. This is 50,000 acres more than harvested in 2019.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 280,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes. This is 15,000 acres more than in 2019.

Planted acres of **winter wheat**, at 160,000 acres, are down 35,000 acres from last year.

Farmers in Wisconsin intend to plant 30,000 acres of **barley**, up 6,000 acres from 2019.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers’ 2020 planting intentions. NASS’s acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 80,000 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,100 from Wisconsin. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

Area Planted – Wisconsin and United States: 2018-2020

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'20 as % of '19 (percent)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'20 as % of '19 (percent)
Barley	25	24	30	125	2,548	2,721	2,921	107
Corn, all	3,900	3,800	3,900	103	88,871	89,700	96,990	108
Hay, all ²	1,360	1,300	1,350	104	52,839	52,425	53,283	102
Oats	200	265	280	106	2,746	2,810	3,012	107
Soybeans	2,220	1,750	1,950	111	89,167	76,100	83,510	110
Wheat, winter ³	240	195	160	82	32,542	31,159	30,775	99

¹ Intended plantings in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent or 7.29 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2020 is estimated at 83.5 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 22 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.7 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 winter wheat planted area, at 30.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.69 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2020 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.29 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

