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Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 4.15 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2021 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is up 150,000 acres from 2020.

Producers intend to plant 2.25 million acres of **soybeans** in Wisconsin this year. This is a 250,000 acre increase from 2020. If realized, this would be Wisconsin’s largest planted acreage on record.

Farmers in Wisconsin expect to harvest 1.20 million acres of **all hay** for the 2021 crop year. This is 170,000 acres fewer than 2020.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 200,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes. This is 100,000 acres fewer than in 2020.

Planted acres of **winter wheat**, at 260,000 acres, are up 100,000 acres from last year.

Farmers in Wisconsin intend to plant 18,000 acres of **barley**, down 8,000 acres from 2020.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers’ 2021 planting intentions. NASS’s acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 78,900 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: 2019-2021

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 (1,000 acres)	2021 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'21 as % of '20 (percent)	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 (1,000 acres)	2021 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'21 as % of '20 (percent)
Barley	24	26	18	69	2,772	2,621	2,590	99
Corn, all	3,800	4,000	4,150	104	89,745	90,819	91,144	100
Hay, all ²	1,300	1,370	1,200	88	52,425	52,238	51,714	99
Oats	265	300	200	67	2,830	2,984	2,488	83
Soybeans	1,750	2,000	2,250	113	76,100	83,084	87,600	105
Wheat, winter ³	195	160	260	163	31,474	30,415	33,078	109

¹ Intended plantings in 2021 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2021 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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Corn planted area for all purposes in 2021 is estimated at 91.1 million acres, up less than 1% or an increase of 325,000 acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 24 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2021 is estimated at 87.6 million acres, up 5% from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 23 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2021 is estimated at 46.4 million acres, up 5% from 2020. This represents the fourth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2021 winter wheat planted area, at 33.1 million acres, is up 9% from last year and up 3% from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.42 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.48 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2021 is estimated at 11.7 million acres, down 4% from 2020. Of this total, about 10.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2021 is expected to total 1.54 million acres, down 9% from the previous year.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

