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## ACREAGE – JUNE 2015

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Wyoming principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 2 percent from 2014 to 1,447,000 acres, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Wyoming **corn** producers planted 80,000 acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 55,000 acres for grain, down from 60,000 acres harvested in 2014. This is a decrease of 8 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and an 11 percent decrease in planted acreage for all purposes. **Oat** seedings are set at 20,000 acres, a decrease of 10,000 acres from last year, with producers planning to harvest 5,000 acres for grain, down 2,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2014. **Barley** planted area, at 85,000 acres, is 6 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 65,000 acres are 3 percent above 2014.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 145,000 acres in the fall of 2014 for harvest in 2015, up from 140,000 acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is unchanged from last year at 125,000 acres.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 10,000 acres from a year ago to 1,050,000 acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to be unchanged at 490,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 10,000 acres to 560,000 acres.

**Sugarbeet** plantings increased 300 acres from last year to 31,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 30,800 acres, is 800 acres above last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 36,000 acres, are down 14 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 34,000 acres.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn:** The 2015 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 98 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, the same as the 10-year average.

**Oats:** Area seeded to oats for the 2015 crop year is estimated at 3.06 million acres, up 13 percent from 2014. However, this represents the fifth-lowest United States planted area on record. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Illinois, Utah, Texas, and Wyoming. Growers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up 19 percent from last year, but represents the fifth-lowest harvested acreage on record. Record low harvested acreage is expected in Arkansas, California, Utah, and Wyoming.

**Barley:** Producers seeded 3.41 million acres of barley for the 2015 crop year, up 15 percent from the previous year. Despite the increase, this represents the fourth-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested acres at 2.92 million acres, is up 19 percent from 2014. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California and Utah.

**Winter wheat:** The 2015 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 40.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 4 percent from last year. States with notable acreage increases from the previous estimate are Alabama and Texas. Of the total acreage, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.44 million are White Winter.

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**Hay:** Producers intend to harvest 56.5 million acres of all hay in 2015, down 1 percent from 2014. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.3 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from 2014. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is expected to hold steady or decline in many Western States. The most noteworthy declines to other hay harvested acreage are expected throughout the Southern Plains and Southeast. A record low for all hay harvested area is expected in California and Ohio in 2015.

**Sugarbeets:** Area planted to sugarbeets for the 2015 crop year is estimated at 1.16 million acres, up slightly from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.14 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

**Dry edible beans:** United States dry edible bean planted area is estimated at 1.71 million acres for 2015, down less than 1 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.66 million acres, also down less than 1 percent from the previous year. Planted area is lower than last year in 8 of the 18 estimating States.

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