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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2015

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Wyoming growers intend to plant 90,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2015, unchanged from last year's plantings, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The area expected to be seeded to **oats**, at 30,000 acres, is unchanged from a year ago. Growers intend to plant 85,000 acres of **barley** in 2015, up 5,000 acres from last year's actual plantings. **Winter wheat** seedings last fall for harvest in 2015 are estimated at 155,000 acres, up 15,000 acres from the 2014 crop. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 1.10 million acres this year. This is up 40,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2014. The area planted to **sugarbeets** is expected to be up 1,300 acres from last year's actual plantings to 31,500 acres. **Dry edible bean** acreage is expected to total 32,000 acres, down 24 percent from the 42,000 acres planted in 2014.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third consecutive year of an acreage decline and would be the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2015 crop year is expected to total 2.93 million acres, up 8 percent from 2014. If realized, United States planted acres will be the fourth lowest on record. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming.

Barley producers intend to seed 3.26 million acres of barley for the 2015 crop year, up 10 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the fourth smallest seeded area on record. Record low acreage is expected in California, New York, and Utah.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 55.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.75 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.43 million acres are White Winter.

Producers intend to harvest 57.1 million acres of **all dry hay** in 2015, virtually unchanged from 2014. Hay acreage is expected to increase in the Mid-Atlantic and Central Plains. However, this is offset by expected decreases across the Southern and Pacific States, as well as in the Upper Midwest. Record high acreage is expected in Louisiana. Record low acreage is expected in California, Illinois, Minnesota, and Ohio.

Area expected to be planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2015 crop year is estimated at 1.18 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Intended plantings are above the previous year in seven of the ten estimating States.

Area planted to **dry beans** in 2015 is expected to be 1.74 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous season.

For a full copy of the *Prospective Plantings* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.