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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2016

WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Wyoming growers intend to plant 100,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2016, up 15,000 acres, or 18 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The area expected to be seeded to **oats**, at 20,000 acres, is down 3,000 acres from a year ago. Growers intend to plant 105,000 acres of **barley** in 2016, up 5,000 acres from last year's actual plantings. **Winter wheat** seeded last fall for harvest in 2016 is estimated at 140,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from the 2015 crop. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 1.05 million acres this year. This is down 30,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2015. The area planted to **sugarbeets** is expected to be down 1,500 acres from last year's actual plantings to 30,000 acres. **Dry edible bean** acreage is expected to total 40,000 acres, up 25 percent from the 32,000 acres planted in 2015.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

Area seeded to **oats** for the 2016 crop year is estimated at 2.75 million acres, down 11 percent from 2015. If realized, United States planted acres will be the third lowest on record.

Producers intend to seed 3.14 million acres of **barley** for the 2016 crop year, down 12 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the fourth smallest seeded area on record.

The 2016 **winter wheat** planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter.

Producers intend to harvest 54.3 million acres of **all hay** in 2016, down slightly from 2015.

Area expected to be planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2016 crop year is estimated at 1.16 million acres, virtually unchanged from 2015.

Area planted to **dry beans** in 2016 is expected to be 1.56 million acres, down 12 percent from the previous season.

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