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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1973--35 States*

Corn growers expect to plant 70.5 million acres of corn, 7 percent more than a year earlier.

Upland cotton plantings are expected to total 12.9 million acres, down 7 percent from 1972.

Soybean plantings are expected to continue the upward trend started in 1959, moving to a new record high 48.8 million acres and 5 percent above the record set in 1972.

Durum wheat prospective plantings total 2.8 million acres, 9 percent greater than a year ago.

Other spring wheat planted acreage, at an expected 11.7 million acres, is up 17 percent from 1972.

Oat planting intentions, at 20.3 million acres, are 1 percent greater than 1972.

Barley planted acreage is expected to total 10.1 million acres, 1 percent less than in 1972.

Sorghum growers intend to plant 19.1 million acres, an increase of 10 percent from a year earlier.

Flaxseed plantings are indicated to be 1.15 million acres, a decline of 3 percent from a year earlier.

*Only the 35 States included in the special January 1 survey are included in the comparisons. In 1972, planted acreage in these States accounted for all of the durum wheat, flaxseed, and sorghum; 99 percent or better of the upland cotton, soybeans, and spring wheat other than durum; over 98 percent of the oats and corn; and over 96 percent of the barley acreage.

The purpose of this report is to assist producers and program planners in making such changes as might appear desirable. Acreages actually planted this year may change from these intentions because of weather, economic conditions, labor supply, farm programs, and the impact of this report itself on farmers' actions.

The regular 1973 March Prospective Plantings report will be released at 3 P.M., EST, March 15, 1973.

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January 1973 Prospective Plantings Report

This special survey was made to obtain early information on farmers' plans to plant certain crops for harvest in 1973. These data, published well in advance of actual spring seeding, will aid producers in deciding whether or not to make changes in their plans for 1973.

The survey covered 35 States. Excluded were the six New England States, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Florida, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

Intended acreage estimates published in this report cover corn, soybeans, spring wheat, oats, barley, all sorghums, flaxseed, and cotton. A report on winter wheat seedings for harvest in 1973 was released December 22, 1972.

Intentions reported this early may be subject to greater departures from actual plantings than the regular Intentions Report issued by the Crop Reporting Board in mid-March. This is particularly true for this survey because the elimination of the mandatory set-aside requirement under the 1973 wheat program was announced after the survey period. Any change in farmers' intentions resulting from this program change is not reflected here.

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Intended Feed Grain Plantings Up 6 Percent

Intended plantings of the four feed grains are 120 million acres in 35 survey States, up 6 percent (6.6 million acres) from 1972. These States accounted for 98.5 percent of the Nation's feed grain plantings last year.

Larger acreages are expected for three of the four crops. Intended plantings are up 7 percent for corn, 10 percent for sorghum and 1 percent for oats. Barley is expected to register a 1 percent decline from 1972 acres planted.

CORN: Growers in 35 States intend to plant 70.5 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1973, 7 percent more than last year. These States accounted for over 98 percent of the Nation's corn acreage planted in 1972.

All regions indicate larger plantings than last year. Intentions in the North Central region and South Atlantic region are both up 8 percent from a year ago. Expected plantings in the Western region are up 6 percent, the South Central region up 4 percent and the North Atlantic region up 2 percent.

SORGHUMS: Growers intend to plant 19.1 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1973, 10 percent above last year, but 8 percent below the 1971 acreage. The January survey covers all States in which sorghum estimates are prepared. A decline is expected in the North Central States, but more than off-setting increases are indicated in southern States.

Intended plantings in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, which account for about 40 percent of the Nation's acreage, fall 1 percent below last year's plantings, but Texas, which accounts for over 40 percent of the Nation's total, is expecting plantings to exceed last year by 25 percent.

OATS: Acreage of fall seeded oats plus intended spring plantings in the States surveyed is expected to total 20.3 million acres. This is 1 percent more than the 20.1 million acres seeded in 1972 but 7 percent less than the 21.7 million acres seeded for harvest in 1971. The States surveyed accounted for 98.8 percent of the Nation's oat acreage planted for harvest in 1972.

Small acreage increases are indicated for the Northeast, North Central and South Atlantic regions. Indicated acreages were down from a year earlier in all South Central States except Kentucky, Mississippi, and Oklahoma. The Western States' total was unchanged from a year earlier with lower planting intentions for Montana offset by increases in most other States of that region.

BARLEY: Acreage of fall seeded barley plus intended plantings this spring in the States surveyed total 10.1 million acres, 1 percent less than last year. The States accounted for 96 percent of the Nation's barley acreage in 1972.

The three leading barley producing States--North Dakota, Montana, and California--indicate no change in plantings from the previous year. These three States account for about half of the Nation's total. The South Central region indicates a sharp decline in plantings while most other regions show small reductions. Only the Western region indicated a slight increase from last year.

WHEAT: The prospective planted acreage of durum wheat totals 2,837,000 acres, up 9 percent from 1972 but 4 percent below the 1971 level. This survey includes all the durum producing States. North Dakota, the dominant durum State, is up 7 percent from 1972. Greater percentage increases are also expected in Montana, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Seedings of spring wheat other than durum are expected to total 11,736,000 acres in the States surveyed, up 17 percent from 1972 but down 8 percent from 1971. The survey included 9 of 12 spring wheat States which accounted for over 99 percent of the 1972 seeded acreage. Larger acreages than a year ago are intended in all States. North Dakota, with over half the 9 State total, is up 17 percent. Minnesota and South Dakota are up 25 percent and 22 percent, respectively, while Montana is up 3 percent -- the smallest gain expected in the States surveyed.

SOYBEANS: Growers intend to plant 48.8 million acres of soybeans in 1973 in the States surveyed. If realized, this would be 5 percent above a year earlier in these same States, which accounted for 99 percent of the Nation's planted acres in 1972.

Plantings in the North Central region are expected to be 4 percent above 1972. Changes from last year range from a 2 percent decline in Ohio to a 19 percent increase in Wisconsin. Planted acreage in the North Central region usually accounts for about two-thirds of the total acreage.

An increase of 5 percent is in prospect for the South Atlantic region. Indicated increases by States range from 1 to 6 percent with the largest percentage gain recorded for Georgia.

In the South Central region growers plan an increase of 8 percent in planted acres with all States expecting gains. Mississippi and Arkansas expect a 7 and 5 percent increase, respectively.

FLAXSEED: The prospective planted acreage of flaxseed is 1,150,000 acres, 3 percent below last year, 29 percent below two years ago, and the smallest since 1938. Intended plantings in the major producing States - Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota - are expected to be below last year.

COTTON: Growers in the 14 major cotton producing States expect to plant 12,865,000 acres of Upland cotton in 1973, down 7 percent from the 13,876,000 acres planted in these States in 1972.

The national Upland cotton allotment in 1973 for all States is 10,000,000 acres, of which 9,963,388 acres is the allotment for the 14 States surveyed. Plantings are expected to exceed allotments by 29 percent in these States.

In the Southeast--North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama--intended plantings totaled 1,510,000 acres, almost 10 percent less than the 1972 level of 1,671,000 acres. Declines in this area ranged from 7 to 10 percent.

In the Delta States--Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana--growers plan to plant 4,580,000 acres, a decline of 5 percent from a year earlier when 4,799,000 acres were seeded. Declines ranging from 4 to 6 percent are indicated.

Upland cotton growers in Texas and Oklahoma intend to plant 5,505,000 acres, 10 percent less than the 1972 plantings of 6,123,000 acres. A 9 percent decline is expected in Oklahoma, and a 10 percent reduction is indicated in Texas.

In New Mexico, Arizona, and California growers plan to plant 1,270,000 acres of Upland cotton, 1 percent less than the 1,283,000 acres planted in 1972. California expects to plant about the same as the previous year while Arizona and New Mexico expects a decline of 1 and 8 percent respectively.

American-Pima cotton growers expect to plant 90,400 acres, 6 percent less than the 96,400 acres planted in 1972.

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ALL CORN

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
N Y	915	922	936	102
PA	1,469	1,440	1,470	102
OHIO	3,787	3,333	3,600	108
IND	5,679	5,050	5,606	111
ILL	10,370	9,440	10,200	108
MICH	2,275	2,120	2,160	102
WISC	3,212	3,051	3,200	105
MINN	6,572	5,650	6,000	106
IOWA	12,208	11,100	11,877	107
MO	3,332	2,720	3,100	114
N DAK	569	495	515	104
S DAK	3,862	3,244	3,601	111
NEBR	5,919	5,680	6,020	106
KANS	1,660	1,570	1,800	115
MD	620	564	590	105
VA	720	706	720	102
N C	1,750	1,520	1,640	108
S C	565	435	540	124
GA	1,800	1,620	1,750	108
KY	1,331	1,131	1,221	108
TENN	801	670	683	102
ALA	699	631	669	106
MISS	268	220	230	105
ARK	48	38	40	105
LA	129	100	110	110
OKLA	110	121	130	107
TEXAS	709	580	550	95
MONT	75	80	75	94
IDAHO	105	108	104	96
COLO	703	690	759	110
N MEX	50	49	49	100
ARIZ	28	26	25	96
WASH	114	108	102	94
OREG	42	43	43	100
CALIF	381	358	387	108
TOTAL 35 STATES	72,877	65,613	70,502	107.5
OTHER STATES	1,178	1,140		
U. S.	74,055	66,753		

ALL SORGHUMS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
IND	90	65	55	85
ILL	150	100	100	100
IOWA	130	78	65	83
MO	740	430	475	110
N DAK	4	4	3	75
S DAK	547	432	389	90
NEBR	2,300	1,997	1,937	97
KANS	5,180	4,400	4,300	98
VA	55	36	34	94
N C	165	115	115	100
S C	42	32	35	109
GA	135	58	58	100
KY	60	36	27	75
TENN	117	51	51	100
ALA	112	56	48	86
MISS	200	80	100	125
ARK	294	185	250	135
LA	110	50	38	76
OKLA	1,200	1,100	1,200	109
TEXAS	7,641	6,800	8,500	125
COLO	550	560	532	95
N MEX	426	366	370	101
ARIZ	189	153	165	108
CALIF	319	271	276	102
U. S.	20,756	17,455	19,123	109.6

OATS 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
N Y	363	329	320	97
PA	410	400	425	106
OHIO	623	440	660	150
IND	410	299	359	120
ILL	1,160	1,250	1,150	92
MICH	460	365	370	101
WISC	1,588	1,570	1,554	99
MINN	3,100	2,590	2,600	100
IOWA	2,279	2,350	2,350	100
MO	359	250	240	96
N DAK	2,209	2,297	2,366	103
S DAK	2,573	2,280	2,348	103
NEBR	630	529	513	97
KANS	250	225	200	89
MD	28	29	29	100
VA	104	92	87	95
N C	210	170	170	100
S C	170	160	190	119
GA	186	198	210	106
KY	65	43	50	116
TENN	133	130	125	96
ALA	116	90	85	94
MISS	126	80	110	138
ARK	103	130	90	69
LA	29	30	18	60
OKLA	410	340	364	107
TEXAS	2,359	2,100	2,000	95
MONT	420	490	430	88
IDAHO	86	74	81	109
COLO	150	130	156	120
WASH	67	68	68	100
OREG	153	142	150	106
CALIF	363	381	400	105
TOTAL 33 STATES	21,692	20,051	20,268	101.1
OTHER STATES	264	245		
U. S.	21,956	20,296		

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

BARLEY 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
N Y	13	13	13	100
PA	174	176	172	98
OHIO	16	19	12	63
IND	17	19	12	63
ILL	22	20	20	100
MICH	24	23	28	122
WISC	29	24	25	104
MINN	857	806	870	108
IOWA	6	6	6	100
MO	24	23	20	87
N DAK	2,284	2,695	2,695	100
S DAK	495	610	537	88
NEBR	48	44	36	82
KANS	220	120	98	82
MD	106	112	110	98
VA	132	127	117	92
N C	85	75	74	99
S C	35	34	26	76
GA	15	17	15	88
KY	74	93	67	72
TENN	29	36	26	72
ARK	2	2	2	100
OKLA	750	350	220	63
TEXAS	167	120	160	133
MONT	1,740	1,820	1,820	100
IDAHO	759	745	760	102
COLO	362	291	338	116
N MEX	28	27	28	104
ARIZ	139	137	140	102
WASH	502	272	265	97
OREG	392	281	292	104
CALIF	1,175	1,116	1,116	100
TOTAL 32 STATES	10,721	10,253	10,120	98.7
OTHER STATES	394	386		
U. S.	11,115	10,639		

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

SPRING WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
WISC	14	11	12	109
MINN	1,515	1,460	1,825	125
N DAK	6,762	5,221	6,109	117
S DAK	1,522	1,120	1,366	122
MONT	2,435	1,850	1,905	103
IDAHO	237	193	280	145
COLO	29	25	34	136
WASH	165	125	130	104
OREG	78	55	75	136
TOTAL				
9 STATES	12,757	10,060	11,736	116.7
OTHER STATES	50	38		
U. S.	12,807	10,098		

DURUM WHEAT

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
MINN	48	33	40	121
N DAK	2,592	2,333	2,500	107
S DAK	125	90	104	116
MONT	168	137	190	139
CALIF	10	4	3	75
U. S.	2,943	2,597	2,837	109.2

FLAXSEED 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
MINN	245	162	145	90
IOWA	1			
N DAK	895	625	612	98
S DAK	430	370	359	97
TEXAS	43	22	22	100
MONT	13	12	12	100
CALIF				
U. S.	1,627	1,191	1,150	96.6

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

SOYBEANS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
N Y	7	8	10	125
PA	34	45	53	118
OHIO	2,647	3,070	3,010	98
IND	3,400	3,740	3,740	100
ILL	7,190	7,550	7,700	102
MICH	520	570	570	100
WISC	130	160	190	119
MINN	2,820	3,350	3,650	109
IOWA	5,516	6,100	6,400	105
MO	3,652	4,050	4,150	102
N DAK	211	200	230	115
S DAK	235	260	299	115
NEBR	618	754	890	118
KANS	880	900	990	110
MD	225	260	265	102
VA	384	376	380	101
N C	1,110	1,239	1,300	105
S C	1,110	1,170	1,230	105
GA	620	720	760	106
KY	734	983	1,081	110
TENN	1,283	1,411	1,496	106
ALA	680	780	819	105
MISS	2,713	2,580	2,750	107
ARK	4,350	4,140	4,350	105
LA	1,695	1,712	1,900	111
OKLA	170	185	200	108
TEXAS	114	225	350	156
TOTAL 27 STATES	43,048	46,538	48,763	104.8
OTHER STATES	424	465		
U. S.	43,472	47,003		

COTTON

State	ACREAGE PLANTED			1973 AS PERCENT OF 1972
	1971	1972	INDICATED 1973	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
<u>UPLAND</u>				
NORTH CAROLINA	194	210	195	93
SOUTH CAROLINA	381	400	360	90
GEORGIA	426	461	415	90
TENNESSEE	447	540	520	96
ALABAMA	579	600	540	90
MISSOURI	343	435	410	94
MISSISSIPPI	1,355	1,664	1,600	96
ARKANSAS	1,180	1,470	1,400	95
LOUISIANA	510	690	650	94
OKLAHOMA	445	553	505	91
TEXAS	5,230	5,570	5,000	90
NEW MEXICO	135	141	130	92
ARIZONA	242	274	270	99
CALIFORNIA	760	868	870	100
UPLAND-14 STATES	12,227	13,876	12,865	92.7
UPLAND-OTHER STATES	25.6	27.3		
UNITED STATES-UPLAND	12,252.6	13,903.3		
<u>AMERICAN-PIMA</u>				
TEXAS	35.7	35.0	34.0	97
NEW MEXICO	21.5	19.0	18.0	95
ARIZONA	44.5	42.0	38.0	90
CALIFORNIA	.6	.4	.4	100
UNITED STATES AMER.-PIMA	102.3	96.4	90.4	93.8
UNITED STATES, ALL COTTON	12,354.9	13,999.7		