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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1974--35 STATES *

Based upon a January 1 survey of grower intentions in 35 States, the following crop acreages are expected to be planted for 1974:

Corn--77.4 million acres, 10 percent more than a year earlier.

Upland cotton--14.5 million acres, 17 percent more than 1973.

Soybeans--54.9 million acres, down 3.3 percent from the previous year and the first time since 1958 acreage has not increased over the previous year.

Durum wheat--4.5 million acres, 47 percent greater than 1973.

Rice--2.1 million acres, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Other spring wheat--14.6 million acres, up 14 percent from last year.

Oats--18.8 million acres, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Barley--9.3 million acres, 15 percent less than in 1973.

Sorghum--19.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 1973.

Flaxseed--1.77 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year.

Sugarbeets--1.2 million acres, an increase of 3 percent from 1973.

*The comparisons with a year earlier represent totals only for the 35 States included in the special January 1 survey. The 1973 planted acreage in these States accounted for all of the sorghum, durum wheat, flaxseed, and rice acreage; 99 percent or more of the Upland cotton, soybeans, and spring wheat other than durum; over 98 percent of the corn and oats; over 96 percent of the barley acreage; over 94 percent of the sugarbeet acreage.

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January 1974 Prospective Plantings Report

This special survey was made to obtain early information on farmers' plans to plant certain crops for harvest in 1974. The purpose of this report, published well in advance of actual spring seeding, is to assist producers and program planners in their plans for 1974.

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

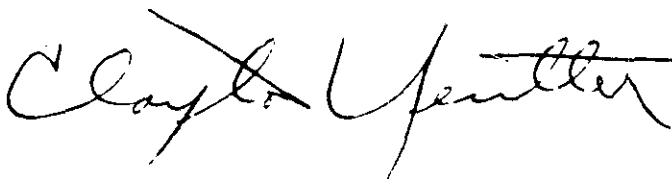
Intended acreage estimates published in this report include corn, upland cotton, soybeans, spring wheat, oats, barley, all sorghums, flax-seed, rice and sugarbeets. A report on winter wheat seedings for harvest in 1974 was released December 21, 1973.

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. Acreages actually planted may change from these intentions because of weather, economic conditions, labor supply and the impact of this report itself on farmers' actions.

The 1974 March Prospective Plantings report, which includes all States, will be released at 3 p.m., ET, March 14, 1974.

The CROP PRODUCTION report contains State and National estimates with related information on selected agricultural commodities. These data were prepared and adopted by the Crop Reporting Board which consists of commodity statisticians from the Statistical Reporting Service's field offices and Washington headquarters.

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INTENDED FEED GRAIN PLANTINGS UP 5 PERCENT

Prospective plantings of the four feed grains are 125 million acres in 35 States, up 5 percent (5.4 million acres) from 1973 and 10 percent larger than 1972 acreage. These States accounted for 98.5 percent of the Nation's feed grain plantings last year.

Intended plantings are up 10 percent for corn and 1 percent for sorghum. A 15 percent decline is expected in barley acreage and oats acreage is expected to be reduced 1 percent from 1973.

CORN: Growers in 35 States intend to plant 77.4 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1974, 10 percent more than last year and 18 percent more than 1972. These States accounted for 98.3 percent of the Nation's corn acreage planted in 1973.

Intended plantings in the North Central and South Central regions are both up nearly 11 percent from a year earlier. Gains are also slated for: the South Atlantic region, up 7 percent; the North Atlantic region, up 4 percent; and the West, up 1 percent. All States show increases from 1973 except four South Central and four Western States.

SORGHUM: Growers intend to plant 19.6 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 1974, up 1 percent from 1973 and 13 percent above 1972 seedings. All States included in official U. S. sorghum estimates were surveyed for this report.

The Texas acreage, which accounts for over 40 percent of the national total, is expected to be 5 percent larger than in 1973. Acreage increases of 2 to 3 percent are expected for Nebraska, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Moderate gains are in prospect for Missouri and most South Central and South-eastern States.

Major sorghum growing States with indicated acreage declines for 1974 include Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Arizona, and California.

OATS: Acreage of fall seeded oats plus intended spring plantings in the States surveyed is expected to total 18.8 million acres, 1 percent below the previous year and 6 percent below 1972. The States surveyed accounted for 98.8 percent of the Nation's planted acreage of oats in 1973.

Prospective acreages of oats vary considerably. Declines are expected in the Northern and Southern Plains while moderate to sharp increases are expected in the Central Plains.

BARLEY: Acreage of fall seeded barley plus intended plantings this spring in the States surveyed totaled nearly 9.3 million acres, 15 percent or 1.7 million acres less than last year. The States surveyed accounted for nearly 97 percent of the Nation's barley acreage in 1973.

Most barley producing States show a decline from last year, although an upturn was noted in some Northeast and Corn Belt States. The three leading States--North Dakota, Montana, and California--indicate declines of 14, 31, and 8 percent, respectively, from the 1973 planted acreage. These three States account for about half of the U. S. barley acreage. Reports indicate that some land formerly planted to barley will be shifted to wheat.

WHEAT: The prospective planted acreage of durum wheat totaled 4.5 million acres, an increase of 47 percent from the 1973 acreage of 3.0 million. This survey included all of the durum producing States. If current intentions are realized, the 1974 acreage would be the largest since 1930. North Dakota continues to dominate in durum acreage and expects a 45-percent increase this year. Larger increases are expected for Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, and California.

Planted acreage of spring wheat other than durum in the nine States surveyed is expected to total 14.6 million acres, up 14 percent from 1973 and 44 percent more than 1972. If these intentions are carried out, the 1974 acreage will be the largest since 1953. The survey included the nine spring wheat States which accounted for 99 percent of the 1973 acreage. North Dakota, with nearly half of the expected 1974 acreage, intends an 11-percent increase. Minnesota and Montana are also large producers and anticipate 29 and 16 percent gains, respectively. All other States except Colorado and Washington indicate increases ranging from 8 to 30 percent. Colorado is showing a decrease of 17 percent and Washington's acreage is down 30 percent from last year. Washington's 1973 acreage was unusually large because many acres of winter wheat winterkilled and were reseeded to spring wheat.

SOYBEANS: Growers in the 27 soybean producing States surveyed intend to plant 54.9 million acres of soybeans in 1974, the first decline in acres after 14 consecutive yearly increases. If realized, this would be 3 percent below the total for a year earlier in these States which accounted for more than 99 percent of the Nation's planted acres in 1973.

Plantings in the North Central States are expected to be 5 percent below 1973. Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas show declines ranging from 4 to 11 percent. All other North Central States show increases ranging from 3 to 6 percent. Planted acreage in these States usually accounts for about two-thirds of the total U. S. soybean acreage.

An increase of 5 percent is seen for the South Atlantic States surveyed. Increases are expected for States surveyed in this area except North Carolina where acreage is expected to be the same as a year earlier.

In the South Central States growers plan a decrease of 3 percent in planted acres. Acreage changes range from an increase of 11 percent to a decrease of 6 percent. States where acreage is expected to be up are Alabama, Kentucky, and Texas. The Oklahoma and Tennessee acreage is expected to remain unchanged from a year earlier while the acreage in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi will be down.

FLAXSEED: The prospective planted acreage of flaxseed is 1,765,000 acres, less than 1 percent below last year's 1,777,000 acres but 48 percent above 1972. Intended plantings in the major producing States range from a 19-percent increase in Minnesota to a 9-percent decline in North Dakota. The survey includes all States for which flaxseed estimates are prepared.

COTTON: Growers in the 14 major cotton producing States intend to plant 14.5 million acres of upland cotton in 1974. If intentions are realized, this will be an increase of 17 percent from the 12.4 million acres planted in 1973.

The national Upland cotton allotment in 1974 for all States is 11.0 million acres, of which 99.6 percent is the allotment for the 14 States surveyed. Plantings in the 14 States are expected to exceed allotments by 32 percent.

Upland cotton growers in Texas and Oklahoma intend to plant 6.4 million acres, 7 percent more than the 1973 plantings of 5.9 million acres. In Texas a 7-percent increase is expected, and Oklahoma growers foresee a 4-percent rise.

Growers in California, Arizona, and New Mexico expect to plant 1.7 million acres of Upland cotton. If realized, this would be 23 percent above the 1.4 million acres planted in 1973. Planting intentions are above last year by 23, 30, and 11 percent, respectively.

In the Southeast--Alabama, Georgia, and the Carolinas--intended plantings totaled 1.5 million acres, 7 percent above the 1.4 million acres planted in 1973. Increases in this area ranged from 2 percent in South Carolina to 12 percent in Alabama, with a 4-percent decrease in North Carolina.

In the Delta States--Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Missouri--growers intend to plant 4.9 million acres, an increase of 34 percent from 1973 when floods limited acres planted to 3.7 million. Indicated increases range from 18 percent in Louisiana to 78 percent in Missouri.

RICE: Intended rice plantings for 1974 are estimated at 2,134,000 acres, 2 percent below 1973 but 17 percent above the 1972 level. All six rice estimating States were included in the survey. The Department announced last October 24 the lifting of marketing quotas for 1974-crop rice and a 26-percent reduction in the allotment to 1,652,596. This will be the first time since 1954 that no quotas have been in effect. The current survey indicates growers in all States plan to exceed the allotment. Changes from the 1973 acreage in the four largest rice producing States range from a 17-percent decline in Texas to a 9-percent increase in California.

SUGARBEETS: Growers in the 14 States surveyed intend to plant 1,240,000 acres in 1974, up 3 percent from the acreage planted in these States last year. These States accounted for 94 percent of the 1,282,200 acres planted in 1973.

Sugarbeet growers in North Dakota expect to plant 81 percent more acreage and Minnesota producers intend to increase acreage 40 percent. Prospects in Ohio and Texas are up slightly from a year earlier. Plantings in all other States surveyed ranged from 2 to 25 percent below 1973. Intentions in California, the largest producing State, reflect a 5-percent decline in acreage while Idaho's acreage may drop 25 percent.

CROP REPORTING BOARD

ALL CORN				
STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	631	694	800	115
ARIZ	26	23	21	91
ARK	38	34	34	100
CALIF	358	412	380	92
COLO	690	718	770	107
GA	1,620	1,840	1,950	106
IDAHO	108	110	105	95
ILL	9,540	9,980	11,150	112
IND	5,050	5,400	6,000	111
IOWA	11,255	11,800	13,100	111
KANS	1,570	1,900	2,100	111
KY	1,131	1,160	1,300	112
LA	100	85	85	100
MD	564	600	635	106
MICH	2,120	2,100	2,350	112
MINN	5,650	6,200	7,070	114
MISS	220	200	200	100
MO	2,720	2,800	3,020	108
MONT	80	92	100	109
NEBR	5,680	6,400	7,000	109
N MEX	49	51	52	102
N Y	922	1,000	1,070	107
N C	1,450	1,550	1,700	110
N DAK	495	544	555	102
OHIO	3,333	3,300	3,800	115
OKLA	121	128	125	98
OREG	43	43	45	105
PA	1,440	1,490	1,520	102
S C	435	500	575	115
S DAK	3,280	3,760	3,870	103
TENN	670	683	790	116
TEXAS	580	750	800	107
VA	706	734	750	102
WASH	106	112	98	88
WISC	3,051	3,200	3,520	110
TOTAL				
35 STATES	65,832	70,393	77,440	110
OTHER STATES	1,140	1,218		
U. S.	66,972	71,611		

ALL SORGHUMS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	56	65	70	108
ARIZ	153	150	135	90
ARK	185	189	220	116
CALIF	271	312	296	95
COLO	500	480	460	96
GA	58	60	60	100
ILL	85	95	95	100
IND	50	40	23	58
IOWA	55	40	34	85
KANS	4,400	4,650	4,400	95
KY	36	30	40	133
LA	50	40	46	115
MISS	80	85	90	106
MO	430	500	550	110
NEBR	1,900	2,260	2,300	102
N MEX	366	403	411	102
N C	128	120	115	96
OKLA	1,100	1,160	1,200	103
S C	32	31	34	110
S DAK	470	400	375	94
TENN	51	62	80	129
TEXAS	6,800	8,100	8,500	105
VA	36	31	28	90
U. S. 1/	17,295	19,303	19,562	101.3

1/ 1972 U. S. TOTAL INCLUDES 3,000 ACRES FOR NORTH DAKOTA. NORTH DAKOTA ESTIMATES WERE DISCONTINUED AFTER 1972.

OATS 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	90	84	100	119
ARK	130	110	105	95
CALIF	381	366	380	104
COLO	130	126	139	110
GA	198	198	225	114
IDAHO	74	81	74	91
ILL	1,250	550	600	109
IND	299	359	278	77
IOWA	2,350	1,850	2,250	122
KANS	225	140	220	157
KY	43	50	40	80
LA	30	24	30	125
MD	29	31	28	90
MICH	365	350	315	90
MINN	2,590	2,690	2,450	91
MISS	80	70	90	129
MO	250	90	250	278
MONT	490	510	325	64
NEBR	513	575	650	113
N Y	329	370	380	103
N C	175	160	155	97
N DAK	2,230	2,120	1,900	90
OHIO	440	600	504	84
OKLA	340	350	305	87
OREG	142	175	175	100
PA	400	405	415	102
S C	160	150	180	120
S DAK	2,240	2,480	2,480	100
TENN	130	120	120	100
TEXAS	2,100	2,100	1,900	90
VA	92	90	85	94
WASH	68	112	101	90
WISC	1,570	1,500	1,520	101
TOTAL 33 STATES	19,933	18,986	18,769	98.9
OTHER STATES	245	222		
U. S.	20,178	19,208		

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

BARLEY 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARIZ	137	145	145	100
CALIF	1,116	1,070	980	92
COLO	291	285	245	86
GA	17	15	12	80
IDAHO	745	835	675	81
ILL	20	18	20	111
IND	19	13	17	131
KANS	120	90	100	111
KY	93	67	64	96
MD	112	110	110	100
MICH	23	24	22	92
MINN	806	903	920	102
MO	23	17	17	100
MONT	1,820	2,100	1,450	69
NEBR	44	38	30	79
N MEX	27	31	24	77
N Y	13	13	14	108
N C	75	74	70	95
N DAK	2,695	2,910	2,500	86
OHIO	19	15	20	133
OKLA	350	270	190	70
OREG	281	320	300	94
PA	176	172	172	100
S C	34	29	26	90
S DAK	610	671	550	82
TENN	36	29	27	93
TEXAS	120	150	90	60
VA	127	117	130	111
WASH	272	390	340	87
WISC	24	22	21	95
TOTAL 30 STATES	10,245	10,943	9,281	84.8
OTHER STATES 2/ U. S.	394 10,639	392 11,335		

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

2/ ESTIMATES WERE DISCONTINUED FOR ARKANSAS AND IOWA AFTER 1972.

THE 1972 "OTHER STATES" TOTAL INCLUDE 8,000 ACRES FOR ARKANSAS AND IOWA AND U. S.

SPRING WHEAT OTHER THAN DURUM

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
COLO	25	41	34	83
IDAHO	193	300	340	113
MINN	1,460	1,960	2,530	129
MONT	1,850	1,850	2,150	116
N DAK	5,221	6,350	7,050	111
OREG	55	80	104	130
S DAK	1,160	1,530	1,900	124
WASH	125	615	430	70
WISC	11	12	13	108
TOTAL 9 STATES	10,100	12,738	14,551	114.2
OTHER STATES	38	73		
U. S.	10,138	12,811		

DURUM WHEAT

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
CALIF	4	2	3	150
MINN	33	60	125	208
MONT	137	185	280	151
N DAK	2,333	2,680	3,890	145
S DAK	85	115	185	161
U. S.	2,592	3,042	4,483	147.4

FLAXSEED 1/

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
MINN	162	235	280	119
MONT	12	15	10	67
N DAK	625	963	880	91
S DAK	370	555	555	100
TEXAS	22	9	40	444
U. S.	1,191	1,777	1,765	99.3

1/ INCLUDES ACREAGE PLANTED IN PRECEDING FALL.

SOYBEANS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALA	830	950	1,000	105
ARK	4,140	4,700	4,400	94
GA	720	970	1,120	115
ILL	7,600	9,300	8,550	92
IND	3,740	4,310	4,150	96
IOWA	6,050	7,950	7,600	96
KANS	900	1,240	1,100	89
KY	983	1,180	1,220	103
LA	1,712	1,760	1,700	97
MD	260	278	285	103
MICH	570	700	720	103
MINN	3,250	4,420	4,600	104
MISS	2,580	2,830	2,700	95
MO	4,050	4,800	4,450	93
NEBR	715	1,230	1,280	104
N Y	8	11	13	118
N C	1,250	1,550	1,550	100
N DAK	200	236	245	104
OHIO	3,070	3,620	3,330	92
OKLA	185	210	210	100
PA	45	58	70	121
S C	1,130	1,200	1,240	103
S DAK	260	416	437	105
TENN	1,411	1,640	1,640	100
TEXAS	225	450	500	111
VA	376	430	440	102
WISC	160	246	260	106
TOTAL 27 STATES	46,420	56,785	54,910	96.7
OTHER STATES	465	512		
U. S.	46,885	57,297		

UPLAND COTTON

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ALABAMA	601	525	590	112
ARIZONA	273	276	360	130
ARKANSAS	1,470	1,070	1,450	136
CALIFORNIA	368	950	1,170	123
GEORGIA	461	386	425	110
LOUISIANA	690	530	625	113
MISSISSIPPI	1,664	1,370	1,300	131
MISSOURI	435	241	430	173
NEW MEXICO	141	131	145	111
NORTH CAROLINA	210	182	175	96
OKLAHOMA	553	547	570	104
SOUTH CAROLINA	400	330	335	132
TENNESSEE	540	460	630	137
TEXAS	5,570	5,400	5,800	107
TOTAL 14 STATES	13,876	12,393	14,505	117.0
OTHER STATES	27.3	18.1		
UNITED STATES - UPLAND	13,903.3	12,416.1		

RICE

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARK	442	534	577	108
CALIF	333	403	440	109
LA	523	624	574	92
MISS	52	62	74	119
MO	5.0	5.3	9.0	170
TEXAS	469	553	460	83
U. S.	1,824.0	2,181.3	2,134.0	97.8

SUGARBEETS

STATE	ACREAGE PLANTED			1974 AS PERCENT OF 1973
	1972	1973	INDICATED 1974	
	1,000 ACRES			PERCENT
ARIZ ^{1/}	11.9	13.1	11	84
CALIF ^{1/}	337.8	282	268	95
COLO	152.5	123	120	98
IDAHO	184.3	154.9	116	75
KANS	40.6	35.1	33	94
MICH	94.5	89.1	80	90
MINN	114.4	132.5	186	140
MONT	45.8	45.9	45	98
NEBR	90.3	79.5	75	94
N DAK	75.6	80.6	146	181
OHIO	43.8	31.1	33	106
OREG	22.7	19.3	16	83
TEXAS	26.7	23.3	25	107
WASH	94.5	96.9	86	89
TOTAL 14 STATES	1,335.4	1,206.3	1,240	102.8
OTHER STATES	84.3	75.9		
U. S.	1,419.7	1,282.2		

1/ RELATES TO YEAR OF HARVEST. INCLUDES SOME ACREAGE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING SPRING.