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COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado principal crop planted acreage, which includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is down 5 percent from 2021 to 5.95 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Colorado **corn** producers planted 1.48 million acres of corn this year of which they intend to harvest 1.21 million acres for grain, up from 1.15 million acres harvested in 2021. This is an increase of 5 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage and a 7 percent increase in planted acreage for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 465,000 acres, are down 6 percent from the previous year and acreage expected to be harvested for grain, at 385,000 acres, decreased 4 percent from 2021.

Barley planted area, at 71,000 acres, is 37 percent more than last year's acreage. Expected harvested acres, at 60,000 acres, are 28 percent above 2021.

Winter wheat producers planted 2.00 million acres in the fall of 2021 for harvest in 2022, down from 2.20 million acres planted for the previous year's crop. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is down 230,000 acres from last year to 1.65 million acres. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 415,000 acres this year, down 11 percent from 2021.

The area to be harvested for **hay** is expected to decrease 140,000 acres from a year ago to 1.34 million acres. **Alfalfa hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 90,000 acres from last year to 690,000 acres and **all other hay** harvested acreage is expected to decrease 50,000 acres to 650,000 acres. **All sunflower** planted area, at 66,000 acres, is 13,000 acres above last year. Oil type varieties totaled 57,000 acres, up 16,000 acres from 2021 while non-oil type varieties are set at 9,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 50,000 acres for oil type and 8,500 acres for non-oil.

Sugarbeet plantings decreased 600 acres from last year to 23,700 acres. The expected harvested area, at 22,400 acres, is 1,200 acres below last year. Acres planted to **dry beans**, at 37,000 acres, are up 12 percent from last year. Harvested acres are expected to total 35,000 acres. **Potatoes** planted in Colorado are estimated at 53,000 acres, unchanged from last year, with 52,700 acres expected to be harvested, up 1 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2022 is estimated at 89.9 million acres, down 4 percent or 3.44 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 35 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 81.9 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year.

Sorghum growers planted 6.31 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 2022, down 14 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum-producing States, account for 76 percent of the United States acreage. Growers expect to harvest 5.38 million acres for grain, down 17 percent from last year.

Producers seeded 3.05 million acres of **barley** for the 2022 crop year, up 15 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.40 million acres, is up 23 percent from 2021.

All wheat planted area for 2022 is estimated at 47.1 million acres, up 1 percent from 2021. If realized, this represents the fifth lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2022 **winter wheat** planted area, at 34.0 million acres, is up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.86 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.61 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to **other spring wheat** for 2022 is estimated at

11.1 million acres, down 3 percent from 2021. Of this total, about 10.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2022 is expected to total 1.98 million acres, up 21 percent from the previous year.

Area planted to **proso millet** in 2022 is estimated at 670,000 acres, down 55,000 acres from 2021.

Producers intend to harvest 51.5 million acres of **all hay** in 2022, up 2 percent from 2021. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is expected to be 15.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 2021. **All other hay (excluding alfalfa)** is expected to be up 2 percent from last year, at 36.0 million acres.

Area planted to **sunflower** in 2022 totals 1.67 million acres, up 29 percent from 2021. This represents the second highest planted area for the Nation since 2015. Compared with last year, growers in six of the eight major sunflower-producing States showed an increase in planted acreage this year, with five of the States increasing by 25 percent or more. Harvested area for sunflower is forecast at 1.60 million acres, an increase of 29 percent from last year. Planted area of **oil type varieties**, at 1.54 million acres, is up 31 percent from 2021. This represents the highest planted area for the Nation since 2015. Area planted to **non-oil varieties**, estimated at 123,000 acres, is up 11 percent from last year and is the second lowest on record for the Nation.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 1.18 million acres, up 2 percent from 2021. Harvested area is forecast at 1.15 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Area planted for **dry edible beans** in 2022 is estimated at 1.28 million acres, down 8 percent from last year. Area harvested is forecast to total 1.23 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

Area planted to **potatoes** in 2022 is estimated at 910,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2021. Harvested area is forecast at 902,200 acres, down 4 percent from the previous year. Planted and Harvested area will be the lowest area on record for the Nation, if realized.

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