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COLORADO HIGHLIGHTS

Colorado's **principal crop** planted area, which includes acreage planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for all hay, is up 2 percent from 2022 to 5.76 million acres, according to the June 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Producers in Colorado planted 1.25 million acres of **corn** this year of which, they intend to harvest 1.00 million acres for grain, up from the 980,000 acres harvested in 2022. This is an increase of 2 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage, but a 7 percent decrease in acreage planted for all purposes. **Sorghum** plantings, at 500,000 acres, are down 8 percent from the previous year, while the area expected to be harvested for grain, at 400,000 acres, is up 5 percent, or 20,000 acres, from 2022.

Barley planted area, at 57,000 acres, is down 7 percent from last year's acreage. Expected harvested area, at 44,000 acres, is up 10 percent, or 4,000 acres from 2022.

Winter wheat producers planted 2.30 million acres in the fall of 2022 for harvest in 2023, up from 1.95 million acres planted during the previous crop season. Of this, 1.80 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain, an increase of 370,000 acres, or 26 percent, from last year. **Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 420,000 acres this year, down 6 percent from 2022.

The area expected to be harvested for **all dry hay** is forecast at 1.09 million acres. If realized, this would establish a new record low for all dry hay harvested area. **Alfalfa hay** is expected to be harvested from 600,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2022. This represents the second-lowest alfalfa hay harvested area on record, if realized. **All other hay** harvested area is expected to total 490,000 acres, down 40,000 acres, or 8 percent, from last year's final estimate. If realized, this would represent a record-tying low other hay harvested area.

All sunflower planted area, at 39,000 acres, is 23,000 acres, or 37 percent, below last year, and establishes a new record low. **Oil type** varieties totaled 29,000 acres, down 23,000 acres from 2022, while **non-oil type** varieties equaled 10,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Harvested area is expected to total 25,000 acres for oil type varieties, and 9,000 acres for non-oil varieties. The planted acreage and expected harvested acreage for oil type varieties are both record lows.

Sugarbeet plantings decreased 1,400 acres from last year to 22,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 21,000 acres, is 500 acres above 2022. Producers planted 28,000 acres to **dry beans** in 2023, down 20 percent from last year. Expected harvested area, at 25,000 acres, is down 8,300 acres, or 25 percent from last year. At 55,000 acres, the area in Colorado planted to **potatoes** is up 2,000 acres from last year. Expected harvested area totaled 54,700 acres, up 4 percent from 2022.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2023 is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 6 percent or 5.52 million acres from last year. This represents the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 43 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 86.3 million acres, is up 9 percent from last year.

Sorghum growers planted 6.81 million acres of sorghum for all purposes in 2023, up 8 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum-producing States, account for 77 percent of the United States acreage. Growers expect to harvest 5.94 million acres for grain, up 30 percent from last year.

Producers seeded 3.4 million acres of **barley** for the 2023 crop year, up 14 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.53 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2022.

All wheat planted area for 2023 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, up 9 percent from 2022. The 2023 winter wheat planted area, at 37.0 million acres, is up 11 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 25.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.66 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.68 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2023 is estimated at 11.1 million acres, up 3 percent from 2022. Of this total, about 10.5 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2023 is expected to total 1.48 million acres, down 9 percent from the previous year.

Area planted to **proso millet** in 2023 is estimated at 705,000 acres, up 68,000 acres from 2022.

Producers intend to harvest 52.0 million acres of **all hay** in 2023, up 5 percent from 2022. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is expected to be 15.7 million acres, up 5 percent from 2022. **All other hay (excluding alfalfa)** is expected to be up 5 percent from last year, at 36.3 million acres.

Area planted to **sunflower** in 2023 totals 1.35 million acres, up 20 percent from 2022. Planted area of **oil type varieties**, at 1.14 million acres, is up 23 percent from 2022. Area planted to **non-oil varieties**, estimated at 153,400 acres, is up 20 percent from last.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2023 crop year is estimated at 1.13 million acres, down 3 percent from 2022. Harvested area is forecast at 1.11 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

Area planted for **dry edible beans** in 2023 is estimated at 1.21 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Area harvested is forecast to total 1.17 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

Area planted to **potatoes** in 2023 is estimated at 949,000 acres, up 5 percent from 2022. Harvested area is forecast at 941,900 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year.

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