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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 down 2 percent from 2023 to 5.81 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 1.37 million acres of **corn** this year of which, they intend to harvest 1.10 million acres for grain, up from the 1.02 million acres harvested in 2023. This is an increase of 8 percent from last year's harvested grain acreage, and a 3 percent increase in acreage planted for all purposes.

**Sorghum** plantings, at 580,000 acres, are up 14 percent from the previous year, while the area expected to be harvested for grain, at 480,000 acres, is up 4 percent, or 20,000 acres, from 2023.

**Barley** planted area, at 48,000 acres, is down 11 percent from last year's acreage. Expected harvested area, at 42,000 acres, is down 18 percent, or 9,000 acres from 2023.

**Winter wheat** producers planted 2.10 million acres in the fall of 2023 for harvest in 2024, down from 2.30 million acres planted during the previous crop year. Of this, 1.83 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain, an increase of 10,000 acres, or less than 1 percent, from last year.

**Proso millet** seedings are expected to total 270,000 acres this year, down 31 percent from 2023.

The area expected to be harvested for **all dry hay** is forecast at 1.30 million acres, up from 1.22 million acres last year. **Alfalfa hay** is expected to be harvested from 700,000 acres, up 50,000 acres, or 8 percent, from 2023. **All other hay** harvested area is expected to total 600,000 acres, up 30,000 acres, or 5 percent, from last year's final estimate.

**All sunflower** planted area, at 30,000 acres, is 4,000 acres, or 12 percent, below last year. **Oil type** varieties totaled 25,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2023, while **non-oil type** varieties equaled 5,000 acres, down 3,000 from last year. Harvested area is expected to total 22,000 acres for oil type varieties, and 4,000 acres for non-oil varieties. The planted acreage and expected harvested acreage for all sunflowers, as well as oil and non-oil type varieties, are all record lows.

Producers in Colorado planted 10,000 acres of **safflower** in 2024 of which, 9,000 acres are expected to be harvested.

**Sugarbeet** plantings increased 1,800 acres from last year to 25,000 acres. The expected harvested area, at 24,100 acres, is 2,800 acres above 2023.

Producers planted 33,000 acres to **dry beans** in 2024, unchanged from last year. Expected harvested area, at 30,500 acres, is up 800 acres, or 3 percent from last year.

At 54,000 acres, the area in Colorado planted to **potatoes** is down 1,000 acres from last year. Expected harvested area totaled 53,800 acres, down 2 percent from 2023.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2024 is estimated at 91.5 million acres, down 3 percent or 3.17 million acres from last year. This represents the eighth highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to

be down or unchanged in 31 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 83.4 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year.

Growers planted 6.41 million acres of **sorghum** for all purposes in 2024, down 11 percent from last year. Kansas and Texas, the leading sorghum-producing States, account for 75 percent of the United States acreage. Growers expect to harvest 5.39 million acres for grain, down 12 percent from last year.

Producers seeded 2.56 million acres of **barley** for the 2024 crop year, down 18 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 2.01 million acres, is down 21 percent from 2023.

**All wheat** planted area for 2024 is estimated at 47.2 million acres, down 5 percent from 2023. The 2024 winter wheat planted area, at 33.8 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 24.1 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.14 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.59 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to **other spring wheat** for 2024 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, up 1 percent from 2023 estimate. Of this total, about 10.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2024 is expected to total 2.17 million acres, up 29 percent from the previous year.

Area planted to **proso millet** in 2024 is estimated at 450,000 acres, down 27 percent from 2023.

Producers intend to harvest 51.5 million acres of **all hay** in 2024, down 2 percent from 2023. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is expected to be 15.6 million acres, down slightly from 2023 in comparable States. All **other hay** (excluding alfalfa) is expected to be down 3 percent from last year, at 35.9 million acres.

Area planted to **sunflowers** in 2024 totals 898,500 acres, down 32 percent from 2023. This represents the lowest planted area for the Nation since 1976. Harvested area for sunflower is forecast at 862,600 acres, a decrease of 32 percent from last year. Planted area of **oil type varieties**, at 765,000 acres, is down 34 percent from 2023. This represents the lowest planted area on record for the Nation since 1976. Area planted to **non-oil varieties**, estimated at 133,500 acres, is down 13 percent from last year and represents the second lowest on record for the Nation.

Area planted to **safflower** in 2024 is estimated at 127,000 acres, down 10 percent from 2023 in comparable States and represents the lowest planted area for the Nation since records began in 1991. Area for harvest is forecast at 117,000 acres, down 14 percent from last year in comparable States.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2024 crop year is estimated at 1.11 million acres, down 2 percent from 2023. Area expected to be harvested at 1.09 million acres, down 3 percent from last year.

Area planted for **dry edible beans** in 2024 is 1.36 million acres, up 18 percent from last year for comparable States. Area expected to be harvested is 1.32 million acres, up 17 percent from last year for comparable States.

Area planted to **potatoes** in 2024 is 941,000 acres, down 2 percent from 2023. Area expected to be harvested is 937,200 acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

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