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Kentucky Corn Acres Unchanged, Soybean Acres Higher

Farmers in Kentucky intend to plant 1.55 million acres of corn, unchanged from 2021. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 89.5 million acres for all purposes in 2022, down 4 percent from last year and 1 percent lower than 2020.

Soybean acreage in Kentucky was expected to total 2.00 million acres, up 150,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2022 is estimated at 91.0 million acres, up 4 percent from last year.

Burley tobacco growers in Kentucky intend to set 36,000 acres for harvest, up 1,000 acres from 2021. For the burley producing states, growers intend to set 41,500 acres, 1 percent above last year.

Producers intend to set 10,000 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Kentucky, up 1,300 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to dark-air tobacco was estimated at 7,200 acres, up 1,100 acres from 2021.

Winter wheat seeded by Kentucky farmers in the fall of 2021 totaled 540,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 34.2 million acres, up 2 percent from 2021.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 2.05 million acres of all hay, down 70,000 from 2021. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 50.3 million acres of hay in 2022, down 1 percent from last year. The acreage of all hay harvested during a summer depends to a great measure on the moisture received during the growing season and temperatures experienced.