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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2022

NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, New Mexico growers intend to plant 125,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2022, up 5,000 acres, or 4 percent from last year's plantings, according to the March 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Winter wheat** seeded last fall for harvest in 2022 is estimated at 375,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from the 2021 crop. **Hay** producers in the state intend to harvest 215,000 acres this year. This is down 10,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2021, and if realized, would be the smallest acreage cut for hay since 1959.

Peanut acreage is expected to total 11,000 acres, down 200 acres from last year. Producers intend to plant 62,000 acres of **all cotton** in 2022, an increase of 28 percent from last year. Of that, 45,000 acres are **upland** cotton, up 25 percent from last year, and 17,000 acres are **American Pima** cotton, up 36 percent from last year. If realized, this would be the largest Pima cotton planted acreage since 1991.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2022 is estimated at 89.5 million acres, down 4 percent or 3.87 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 43 of the 48 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2022 is estimated at 47.4 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 34.2 million acres, is up 2 percent from last year but down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.89 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.62 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to **other spring wheat** for 2022 is estimated at 11.2 million acres, down 2 percent from 2021. Of this total, about 10.5 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2022 is expected to total 1.92 million acres, up 17 percent from the previous year.

Producers intend to harvest 50.3 million acres of **all hay** in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. If realized, this will represent the lowest total hay harvested area since 1907.

Peanut growers intend to plant 1.57 million acres in 2022, down 1 percent from 2021.

All cotton planted area for 2022 is estimated at 12.2 million acres, up 9 percent from last year. **Upland** area is estimated at 12.1 million acres, up 9 percent from 2021. **American Pima** area is estimated at 176,000 acres, up 39 percent from 2021.

For a full copy of the *Prospective Plantings* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov