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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2024

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Utah growers intend to plant 80,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2024, up 5,000 acres, or 7 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. Growers intend to plant 15,000 acres of **barley** in 2024, down 1,000 acres from last year's actual plantings. If realized, this would represent a record low planted area for barley.

Winter wheat seeded last fall for harvest in 2024 is estimated at 105,000 acres, unchanged from the 2023 crop. If realized, this will again represent a record low planted area for winter wheat. **Hay** producers in the State intend to harvest 690,000 acres this year. This is up 30,000 acres from the acreage cut for dry hay in 2023.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2024 is estimated at 90.0 million acres, down 5 percent or 4.61 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Producers intend to seed 2.57 million acres of **barley** for the 2024 crop year, down 17 percent from the previous year.

All wheat planted area for 2024 is estimated at 47.5 million acres, down 4 percent from 2023 for comparable States. The 2024 **winter wheat** planted area, at 34.1 million acres, is down 7 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate for comparable States. Of this total, about 24.3 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.26 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. Of this total, about 10.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. **Durum** planted area for 2024 is expected to total 2.03 million acres, up 22 percent from the previous year for comparable States.

Producers intend to harvest 51.6 million acres of **all hay** in 2024, down 2 percent from 2023.

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