

Prospective Plantings

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Corn Planted Acreage Down 1 Percent from 2008
Soybean Acreage Up Slightly
All Wheat Acreage Down 7 Percent
All Cotton Acreage Down 7 Percent

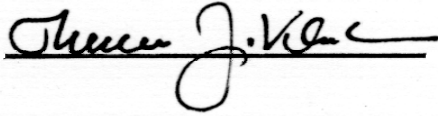
Corn growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down 1 percent from last year as lower corn prices and unstable input costs are discouraging some growers from planting corn. If realized, this will be the second consecutive year-over-year decrease since 2007 but will still be the third largest acreage since 1949, behind 2007 and 2008. Expected acreage is down from last year in many States, however, producers in the 10 major corn-producing States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) collectively intend to plant 66.3 million acres, up slightly from the 66.1 million acres planted last year.

Soybean producers intend to plant 76.0 million acres in 2009, up slightly from last year. If realized, the U.S. planted area would be the largest on record. Acreage increases of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio. The largest decreases are expected in Missouri and South Dakota, both 150,000 acres less than 2008. If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas and New York will be the largest on record, and the planted acreage in North Dakota will tie the previous record high.

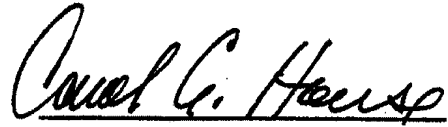
All wheat planted area is estimated at 58.6 million acres, down 7 percent from 2008. The 2009 winter wheat planted area, at 42.9 million acres, is 7 percent below last year but up 2 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 30.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.38 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.65 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2009 is expected to total 13.3 million acres, down 6 percent from 2008. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The expected Durum planted area for 2009 is 2.45 million acres, down 10 percent from the previous year.

All cotton plantings for 2009 are expected to total 8.81 million acres, 7 percent below last year and the lowest since 1983. Upland area is expected to total 8.67 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Growers intend to decrease planted area in all States except Georgia, Kansas, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The largest percentage declines are in Arkansas, California, Louisiana and Mississippi. Record low upland acreage is expected in Louisiana and Mississippi. American-Pima cotton growers intend to plant 143,500 acres, down 18 percent from 2008. California producers intend to plant 120,000 acres, down 23 percent from last year.

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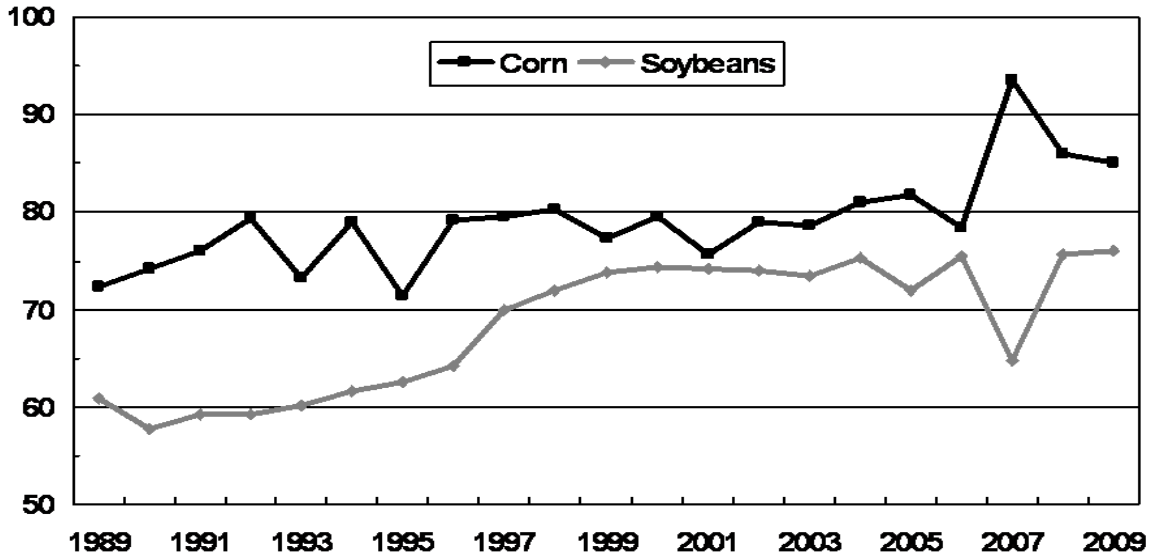
Corn: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	340	260	260	100
AZ	55	50	55	110
AR	610	440	410	93
CA	650	670	550	82
CO	1,200	1,250	1,050	84
CT	26	27	25	93
DE	195	160	160	100
FL	70	70	75	107
GA	510	370	350	95
ID	320	300	270	90
IL	13,200	12,100	12,200	101
IN	6,500	5,700	5,700	100
IA	14,200	13,300	13,200	99
KS	3,900	3,850	3,800	99
KY	1,440	1,210	1,230	102
LA	740	520	510	98
ME	28	29	28	97
MD	540	460	460	100
MA	18	19	18	95
MI	2,650	2,400	2,300	96
MN	8,400	7,700	7,600	99
MS	930	720	630	88
MO	3,450	2,800	3,050	109
MT	84	78	80	103
NE	9,400	8,800	8,800	100
NV	5	5	5	100
NH	14	15	15	100
NJ	95	85	85	100
NM	135	140	130	93
NY	1,060	1,090	1,130	104
NC	1,090	900	820	91
ND	2,560	2,550	2,300	90
OH	3,850	3,300	3,300	100
OK	320	370	370	100
OR	60	60	55	92
PA	1,430	1,350	1,250	93
RI	2	2	2	100
SC	400	355	305	86
SD	4,950	4,750	4,900	103
TN	860	690	670	97
TX	2,150	2,300	2,200	96
UT	70	70	65	93
VT	92	94	95	101
VA	540	470	440	94
WA	195	165	165	100
WV	48	43	43	100
WI	4,050	3,800	3,750	99
WY	95	95	80	84
US	93,527	85,982	84,986	99

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

U.S. Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage

Million Acres



Sorghum: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL ²	12	12		
AZ	42	57	50	88
AR	225	125	60	48
CA ²	39	47		
CO	220	230	180	78
GA	65	60	55	92
IL	80	80	50	63
KS	2,800	2,900	2,800	97
KY ²	15	13		
LA	250	120	100	83
MS	145	85	30	35
MO	110	90	85	94
NE	350	300	250	83
NM	105	130	120	92
NC ²	12	16		
OK	240	350	330	94
PA ²	15	11		
SC ²	9	12		
SD	210	170	150	88
TN ²	18	26		
TX	2,750	3,450	2,700	78
US	7,712	8,284	6,960	84

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Estimates discontinued in 2009.

Oats: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009 ¹

State	Area Planted			
	2007 <i>1,000 Acres</i>	2008 <i>1,000 Acres</i>	2009 ² <i>1,000 Acres</i>	2009/2008 <i>Percent</i>
AL	45	50	50	100
CA	215	230	240	104
CO	75	45	50	111
GA	70	65	70	108
ID	70	70	90	129
IL	35	45	45	100
IN	25	15	20	133
IA	145	150	200	133
KS	90	60	80	133
ME	29	32	30	94
MI	70	75	65	87
MN	270	250	240	96
MO	25	15	15	100
MT	75	60	75	125
NE	120	95	115	121
NY	100	80	70	88
NC	50	60	50	83
ND	460	320	360	113
OH	75	75	70	93
OK	80	50	60	120
OR	60	45	60	133
PA	115	105	110	105
SC	33	33	35	106
SD	330	220	250	114
TX	710	600	570	95
UT	35	40	40	100
VA	16	12	15	125
WA	30	20	25	125
WI	270	270	260	96
WY	40	30	40	133
US	3,763	3,217	3,400	106

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

² Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Barley: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009 ¹

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ²	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	33	42	42	100
CA	85	90	60	67
CO	60	80	70	88
DE	21	25	30	120
ID	570	600	540	90
KS	20	17	16	94
KY ³	10	8		
ME	18	20	20	100
MD	45	45	55	122
MI	14	12	11	92
MN	130	130	100	77
MT	900	860	900	105
NV ³	3	3		
NJ ³	3	3		
NY	13	13	9	69
NC	22	21	24	114
ND	1,470	1,650	1,550	94
OH ³	4	6		
OR	63	60	55	92
PA	55	60	60	100
SD	56	63	60	95
UT	38	40	35	88
VA	48	63	66	105
WA	235	190	145	76
WI	40	43	40	93
WY	62	90	65	72
US	4,018	4,234	3,953	93

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

² Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

All Wheat: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009 ¹

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ²	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	120	240	230	96
AZ	89	163	135	83
AR	820	1,070	500	47
CA	640	820	770	94
CO	2,520	2,190	2,530	116
DE	57	80	75	94
FL	13	25	17	68
GA	360	480	340	71
ID	1,235	1,400	1,240	89
IL	1,000	1,200	850	71
IN	420	580	470	81
IA	35	40	30	75
KS	10,400	9,600	9,000	94
KY	440	580	530	91
LA	235	400	210	53
MD	220	255	230	90
MI	550	730	600	82
MN	1,765	1,925	1,795	93
MS	370	520	230	44
MO	1,050	1,250	800	64
MT	5,170	5,740	5,290	92
NE	2,050	1,750	1,700	97
NV	23	21	24	114
NJ	31	35	32	91
NM	490	430	440	102
NY	100	130	115	88
NC	630	820	660	80
ND	8,595	9,230	8,730	95
OH	820	1,120	1,020	91
OK	5,900	5,600	5,800	104
OR	855	960	870	91
PA	170	195	200	103
SC	160	220	175	80
SD	3,508	3,661	3,260	89
TN	420	620	380	61
TX	6,200	5,800	6,100	105
UT	146	150	146	97
VA	230	310	290	94
WA	2,170	2,260	2,340	104
WV	8	11	9	82
WI	299	373	320	86
WY	146	163	155	95
US	60,460	63,147	58,638	93

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

² Intended plantings for 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Winter Wheat: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009¹

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	120	240	230	96
AZ	6	13	10	77
AR	820	1,070	500	47
CA	550	650	620	95
CO	2,500	2,150	2,500	116
DE	57	80	75	94
FL	13	25	17	68
GA	360	480	340	71
ID	750	850	740	87
IL	1,000	1,200	850	71
IN	420	580	470	81
IA	35	40	30	75
KS	10,400	9,600	9,000	94
KY	440	580	530	91
LA	235	400	210	53
MD	220	255	230	90
MI	550	730	600	82
MN	65	75	45	60
MS	370	520	230	44
MO	1,050	1,250	800	64
MT	2,240	2,600	2,500	96
NE	2,050	1,750	1,700	97
NV	17	12	16	133
NJ	31	35	32	91
NM	490	430	440	102
NY	100	130	115	88
NC	630	820	660	80
ND	465	630	530	84
OH	820	1,120	1,020	91
OK	5,900	5,600	5,800	104
OR	735	780	740	95
PA	170	195	200	103
SC	160	220	175	80
SD	2,100	2,050	1,750	85
TN	420	620	380	61
TX	6,200	5,800	6,100	105
UT	135	130	130	100
VA	230	310	290	94
WA	1,720	1,750	1,800	103
WV	8	11	9	82
WI	290	350	320	91
WY	140	150	155	103
US	45,012	46,281	42,889	93

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Durum Wheat: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009¹

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ²	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	83	150	125	83
CA	90	170	150	88
ID	15	10	20	200
MT	480	590	540	92
ND	1,480	1,800	1,600	89
SD	8	11	10	91
US	2,156	2,731	2,445	90

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall in AZ and CA.

² Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Other Spring Wheat: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CO	20	40	30	75
ID	470	540	480	89
MN	1,700	1,850	1,750	95
MT	2,450	2,550	2,250	88
NV	6	9	8	89
ND	6,650	6,800	6,600	97
OR	120	180	130	72
SD	1,400	1,600	1,500	94
UT	11	20	16	80
WA	450	510	540	106
WI ²	9	23		
WY ²	6	13		
US	13,292	14,135	13,304	94

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Estimates discontinued in 2009.

All Hay: Area Harvested by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Harvested			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	840	900	900	100
AZ	295	295	300	102
AR	1,465	1,405	1,350	96
CA	1,570	1,520	1,470	97
CO	1,570	1,570	1,600	102
CT	61	55	55	100
DE	15	18	20	111
FL	320	300	300	100
GA	670	720	650	90
ID	1,450	1,410	1,500	106
IL	680	620	600	97
IN	610	590	640	108
IA	1,380	1,550	1,600	103
KS	2,900	2,750	2,900	105
KY	2,680	2,640	2,600	98
LA	420	430	450	105
ME	144	138	140	101
MD	215	205	210	102
MA	79	73	70	96
MI	1,050	1,020	1,100	108
MN	1,800	1,950	1,950	100
MS	800	720	800	111
MO	4,050	4,200	4,100	98
MT	2,600	2,400	2,600	108
NE	2,650	2,570	2,600	101
NV	460	455	450	99
NH	55	53	50	94
NJ	115	115	120	104
NM	350	340	330	97
NY	1,360	1,320	1,240	94
NC	699	808	690	85
ND	2,680	3,220	2,800	87
OH	1,160	1,140	1,180	104
OK	3,140	2,910	3,150	108
OR	1,010	1,025	1,060	103
PA	1,800	1,750	1,700	97
RI	8	7	7	100
SC	330	330	390	118
SD	3,750	3,850	3,900	101
TN	1,775	1,870	1,900	102
TX	5,340	4,430	4,300	97
UT	700	695	690	99
VT	190	180	180	100
VA	1,290	1,270	1,210	95
WA	790	710	740	104
WV	600	605	605	100
WI	1,970	1,900	2,000	105
WY	1,120	1,030	1,100	107
US	61,006	60,062	60,297	100

¹ Intended area harvested in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**Rice: Area Planted by Class, State,
and United States, 2007-2009**

Class and State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Long Grain				
AR	1,185.0	1,300.0	1,420.0	109
CA	9.0	9.0	7.0	78
LA	357.0	455.0	460.0	101
MS	190.0	230.0	240.0	104
MO	179.0	198.0	222.0	112
TX	143.0	173.0	177.0	102
US	2,063.0	2,365.0	2,526.0	107
Medium Grain				
AR	145.0	100.0	160.0	160
CA	460.0	460.0	430.0	93
LA	23.0	15.0	20.0	133
MO	1.0	2.0	3.0	150
TX	3.0	2.0	3.0	150
US	632.0	579.0	616.0	106
Short Grain				
AR	1.0	1.0	1.0	100
CA ²	65.0	50.0	40.0	80
US	66.0	51.0	41.0	80
All				
AR	1,331.0	1,401.0	1,581.0	113
CA	534.0	519.0	477.0	92
LA	380.0	470.0	480.0	102
MS	190.0	230.0	240.0	104
MO	180.0	200.0	225.0	113
TX	146.0	175.0	180.0	103
US	2,761.0	2,995.0	3,183.0	106

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Includes sweet rice.

Canola: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID ²			22.0	
MN	31.0	23.0	21.0	91
MT	8.5	7.5	6.0	80
ND	1,080.0	910.0	760.0	84
OK ²			25.0	
OR ²			6.1	
Oth Sts ^{3 4}	56.5	70.5	17.2	24
US	1,176.0	1,011.0	857.3	85

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Beginning in 2009, ID, OK, and OR are published individually.

³ For 2007 and 2008, Other States include CO, ID, KS, MI, OK, OR, and WA. For 2009, Other States include CO, KS, and WA.

⁴ 2009 estimates carried forward from 2008. First 2009 estimate will be published in "Acreage" on June 30, 2009.

Soybeans: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	190	360	400	111
AR	2,850	3,300	3,400	103
DE	160	195	180	92
FL	14	32	35	109
GA	295	430	400	93
IL	8,300	9,200	9,100	99
IN	4,800	5,450	5,400	99
IA	8,650	9,750	9,850	101
KS	2,650	3,300	3,500	106
KY	1,120	1,390	1,410	101
LA	615	1,050	1,000	95
MD	405	495	490	99
MI	1,800	1,900	1,950	103
MN	6,350	7,050	7,000	99
MS	1,460	2,000	2,100	105
MO	4,700	5,200	5,050	97
NE	3,870	4,900	5,000	102
NJ	82	92	92	100
NY	205	230	260	113
NC	1,440	1,690	1,800	107
ND	3,100	3,800	3,900	103
OH	4,250	4,500	4,600	102
OK	190	400	320	80
PA	435	435	410	94
SC	460	540	510	94
SD	3,250	4,100	3,950	96
TN	1,080	1,490	1,460	98
TX	95	230	230	100
VA	510	580	570	98
WV	15	19	17	89
WI	1,400	1,610	1,640	102
US	64,741	75,718	76,024	100

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Peanuts: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	160.0	195.0	170.0	87
FL	130.0	150.0	110.0	73
GA	530.0	690.0	500.0	72
MS	19.0	22.0	20.0	91
NM	10.0	8.0	7.0	88
NC	92.0	98.0	75.0	77
OK	18.0	19.0	15.0	79
SC	59.0	71.0	55.0	77
TX	190.0	257.0	160.0	62
VA	22.0	24.0	12.0	50
US	1,230.0	1,534.0	1,124.0	73

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**Sunflower: Area Planted by Type, State,
and United States, 2007-2009**

Varietal Type and State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oil				
CA ²			29.0	
CO	105.0	170.0	100.0	59
KS	155.0	220.0	130.0	59
MN	90.0	75.0	60.0	80
NE	35.0	45.0	35.0	78
ND	910.0	960.0	850.0	89
OK ²			23.0	
SD	395.0	550.0	450.0	82
TX	17.0	65.0	60.0	92
Oth Sts ³	58.5	78.0		
US	1,765.5	2,163.0	1,737.0	80
Non-Oil				
CA ²			3.0	
CO	14.0	24.0	25.0	104
KS	17.0	21.0	32.0	152
MN	41.0	40.0	32.0	80
NE	14.0	19.0	30.0	158
ND	165.0	155.0	125.0	81
OK ²			0.5	
SD	20.0	50.0	40.0	80
TX	25.0	36.0	45.0	125
Oth Sts ³	8.5	8.5		
US	304.5	353.5	332.5	94
All				
CA ²			32.0	
CO	119.0	194.0	125.0	64
KS	172.0	241.0	162.0	67
MN	131.0	115.0	92.0	80
NE	49.0	64.0	65.0	102
ND	1,075.0	1,115.0	975.0	87
OK ²			23.5	
SD	415.0	600.0	490.0	82
TX	42.0	101.0	105.0	104
Oth Sts ³	67.0	86.5		
US	2,070.0	2,516.5	2,069.5	82

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Beginning in 2009, CA and OK are published individually.

³ For 2007 and 2008, Other States include CA, IL, MI, MO, MT, OK, WI, and WY. Beginning in 2009, Other States is discontinued.

Flaxseed: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
MN	4	3	3	100
MT	21	9	13	144
ND	320	335	360	107
SD	9	7	10	143
US	354	354	386	109

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**Cotton: Area Planted by Type, State,
and United States, 2007-2009**

Type and State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Upland				
AL	400.0	290.0	280.0	97
AZ	170.0	135.0	130.0	96
AR	860.0	620.0	520.0	84
CA	195.0	120.0	75.0	63
FL	85.0	67.0	65.0	97
GA	1,030.0	940.0	940.0	100
KS	47.0	35.0	35.0	100
LA	335.0	300.0	240.0	80
MS	660.0	365.0	300.0	82
MO	380.0	306.0	300.0	98
NM	43.0	37.0	33.0	89
NC	500.0	430.0	375.0	87
OK	175.0	170.0	160.0	94
SC	180.0	135.0	140.0	104
TN	515.0	285.0	310.0	109
TX	4,900.0	5,000.0	4,700.0	94
VA	60.0	61.0	65.0	107
US	10,535.0	9,296.0	8,668.0	93
Amer-Pima				
AZ	2.5	0.8	1.0	125
CA	260.0	155.0	120.0	77
NM	4.7	2.7	2.5	93
TX	25.0	15.5	20.0	129
US	292.2	174.0	143.5	82
All				
AL	400.0	290.0	280.0	97
AZ	172.5	135.8	131.0	96
AR	860.0	620.0	520.0	84
CA	455.0	275.0	195.0	71
FL	85.0	67.0	65.0	97
GA	1,030.0	940.0	940.0	100
KS	47.0	35.0	35.0	100
LA	335.0	300.0	240.0	80
MS	660.0	365.0	300.0	82
MO	380.0	306.0	300.0	98
NM	47.7	39.7	35.5	89
NC	500.0	430.0	375.0	87
OK	175.0	170.0	160.0	94
SC	180.0	135.0	140.0	104
TN	515.0	285.0	310.0	109
TX	4,925.0	5,015.5	4,720.0	94
VA	60.0	61.0	65.0	107
US	10,827.2	9,470.0	8,811.5	93

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Sugarbeets: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009 ¹

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ²	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	40.0	26.1	25.0	96
CO	32.0	33.8	36.3	107
ID	169.0	131.0	166.0	127
MI	150.0	137.0	138.0	101
MN	486.0	440.0	445.0	101
MT	47.5	31.7	37.5	118
NE	47.5	45.2	52.0	115
ND	252.0	208.0	212.0	102
OR	12.0	6.7	10.0	149
WA ³	2.0	1.6		
WY	30.8	29.7	29.8	100
US	1,268.8	1,090.8	1,151.6	106

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except CA. In CA, relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central CA and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern CA.

² Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from processors.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

Tobacco: Area Harvested by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Harvested			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CT	2,900	2,600	2,500	96
GA	18,500	16,000	15,000	94
KY	89,200	87,800	83,500	95
MA	1,320	690	1,000	145
MO ²	1,600	1,500		
NC	170,000	174,000	180,300	104
OH	3,500	3,400	3,200	94
PA	7,900	7,900	8,000	101
SC	20,500	19,000	18,500	97
TN	19,980	21,800	21,600	99
VA	20,600	19,500	19,600	101
US	356,000	354,190	353,200	100

¹ Intended area harvested in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Estimates discontinued in 2009.

**Tobacco: Area Harvested by Class, Type, State,
and United States, 2007-2009**

Class and Type	Area Harvested			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Class 1, Flue-cured				
GA	18,500	16,000	15,000	94
NC	166,000	171,000	177,000	104
SC	20,500	19,000	18,500	97
VA	18,000	17,000	17,000	100
US	223,000	223,000	227,500	102
Class 2, Fire-cured				
KY	8,000	10,900	9,000	83
TN	6,200	7,200	6,500	90
VA	400	500	600	120
US	14,600	18,600	16,100	87
Class 3, Air-cured				
Class 3A, Light				
Air-cured				
Burley				
KY	77,000	70,000	70,000	100
MO ²	1,600	1,500		
NC	4,000	3,000	3,300	110
OH	3,500	3,400	3,200	94
PA	5,000	4,300	4,100	95
TN	13,000	13,000	14,000	108
VA	2,200	2,000	2,000	100
US	106,300	97,200	96,600	99
Southern MD Belt				
PA	1,100	1,800	1,900	106
Total Light Air-cured	107,400	99,000	98,500	99
Class 3B, Dark				
Air-cured				
KY	4,200	6,900	4,500	65
TN	780	1,600	1,100	69
US	4,980	8,500	5,600	66
Class 4, Cigar Filler				
PA Seedleaf				
PA	1,800	1,800	2,000	111
Class 5, Cigar Binder				
CT Valley Binder				
CT	1,900	1,700	1,700	100
MA	1,100	500	800	160
US	3,000	2,200	2,500	114
Class 6, Cigar Wrapper				
CT Valley Shade-grown				
CT	1,000	900	800	89
MA	220	190	200	105
US	1,220	1,090	1,000	92
All Cigar Types	6,020	5,090	5,500	108
All Tobacco	356,000	354,190	353,200	100

¹ Intended area harvested in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Estimates discontinued in 2009.

**Dry Edible Beans: Area Planted by State
and United States, 2007-2009¹**

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ²	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	59.0	52.0	60.0	115
CO	48.0	48.0	48.0	100
ID	90.0	80.0	95.0	119
KS	6.5	6.0	6.5	108
MI	200.0	200.0	210.0	105
MN	150.0	150.0	155.0	103
MT	18.3	11.2	10.7	96
NE	110.0	135.0	115.0	85
NM	8.3	9.3	11.8	127
NY	17.0	17.0	17.0	100
ND	690.0	660.0	660.0	100
OR	7.7	4.8	5.0	104
SD	13.0	8.5	11.5	135
TX	17.0	24.0	41.0	171
UT ³	1.5	1.2		
WA	60.0	50.0	60.0	120
WI	6.1	6.5	5.6	86
WY	25.0	31.5	34.0	108
US	1,527.4	1,495.0	1,546.1	103

¹ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

² Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2009.

**Chickpeas (Garbanzo Beans): Area Planted by State
and United States, 2007-2009**

Size & State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Small Chickpeas ²				
CA				
ID	3.5	4.3	9.0	209
MT	1.6	0.9	1.0	111
ND	4.5	4.0	13.0	325
SD		0.9	2.3	256
WA	1.5		2.0	
US	11.1	10.1	27.3	270
Large Chickpeas ³				
CA	6.5	6.4	10.6	166
ID	38.0	26.7	18.0	67
MT	8.2	1.7	2.7	159
ND	12.5	5.3	3.0	57
OR	3.2	0.7	1.0	143
SD	5.7	1.5	1.0	67
WA	40.0	29.5	33.0	112
US	114.1	71.8	69.3	97
All Chickpeas				
CA	6.5	6.4	10.6	166
ID	41.5	31.0	27.0	87
MT	9.8	2.6	3.7	142
ND	17.0	9.3	16.0	172
OR	3.2	0.7	1.0	143
SD	5.7	2.4	3.3	138
WA	41.5	29.5	35.0	119
US	125.2	81.9	96.6	118

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers. Chickpea acres included with dry bean acres.

² Garbanzo beans smaller than 20/64 inch.

³ Garbanzo beans larger than 20/64 inch.

**Lentils: Area Planted by State
and United States, 2007-2009**

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	38.0	38.0	55.0	145
MT	87.0	83.0	125.0	151
ND	110.0	95.0	140.0	147
WA	68.0	55.0	55.0	100
US	303.0	271.0	375.0	138

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**Dry Edible Peas: Area Planted by State
and United States, 2007-2009**

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	25.0	37.0	40.0	108
MT	235.0	245.0	260.0	106
ND	515.0	520.0	570.0	110
OR	5.5	5.5	6.0	109
WA	67.0	75.0	90.0	120
US	847.5	882.5	966.0	109

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**Austrian Winter Peas: Area Planted by State
and United States, 2007-2009**

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
ID	6.0	5.0	6.0	120
MT	20.0	10.0	10.0	100
OR	3.0	2.5	3.0	120
US	29.0	17.5	19.0	109

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Sweet Potatoes: Area Planted by State and United States, 2007-2009

State	Area Planted			
	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2009/2008
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.4	2.6	2.7	104
CA	13.5	14.5	16.5	114
LA	16.0	15.0	15.0	100
MS	20.5	20.0	20.0	100
NJ	1.2	1.2	1.2	100
NC	44.0	47.0	45.0	96
SC ²	0.6	0.6		
TX	1.9	1.7	1.5	88
VA ²	0.4	0.3		
US	100.5	102.9	101.9	99

¹ Intended plantings in 2009 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Estimates discontinued in 2009.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, United States, 2008-2009
(Domestic Units) ¹

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Grains & Hay				
Barley	4,234.0	3,953.0	3,767.0	
Corn for Grain ²	85,982.0	84,986.0	78,640.0	
Corn for Silage			5,965.0	
Hay, All			60,062.0	60,297.0
Alfalfa			20,980.0	
All Other			39,082.0	
Oats	3,217.0	3,400.0	1,395.0	
Proso Millet	520.0		460.0	
Rice	2,995.0	3,183.0	2,976.0	
Rye	1,260.0		269.0	
Sorghum for Grain ²	8,284.0	6,960.0	7,271.0	
Sorghum for Silage			408.0	
Wheat, All	63,147.0	58,638.0	55,685.0	
Winter	46,281.0	42,889.0	39,614.0	
Durum	2,731.0	2,445.0	2,584.0	
Other Spring	14,135.0	13,304.0	13,487.0	
Oilseeds				
Canola	1,011.0	857.0	989.0	
Cottonseed				
Flaxseed	354.0	386.0	340.0	
Mustard Seed	79.5		71.5	
Peanuts	1,534.0	1,124.0	1,507.0	
Rapeseed	0.2		0.2	
Safflower	202.0		195.0	
Soybeans for Beans	75,718.0	76,024.0	74,641.0	
Sunflower	2,516.5	2,070.0	2,396.0	
Cotton, Tobacco & Sugar Crops				
Cotton, All	9,470.0	8,811.5	7,728.4	
Upland	9,296.0	8,668.0	7,559.0	
Amer-Pima	174.0	143.5	169.4	
Sugarbeets	1,090.8	1,151.6	1,004.6	
Sugarcane			868.5	
Tobacco			354.2	353.2
Dry Beans, Peas & Lentils				
Austrian Winter Peas	17.5	19.0	8.0	
Dry Edible Beans	1,495.0	1,546.1	1,445.2	
Dry Edible Peas	882.5	966.0	847.3	
Lentils	271.0	375.0	263.0	
Wrinkled Seed Peas				
Potatoes & Misc.				
Coffee (HI)			6.3	
Ginger Root (HI)			0.1	
Hops			40.9	
Peppermint Oil			60.0	
Potatoes, All	1,057.8		1,044.7	
Winter	11.0	9.0	11.0	9.0
Spring	70.3		68.8	
Summer	46.0		43.8	
Fall	930.5		921.1	
Spearmint Oil			20.4	
Sweet Potatoes	102.9	101.9	97.0	
Taro (HI) ³			0.4	

¹ Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2009 crop year.

² Area planted for all purposes.

³ Area is total acres in crop, not harvested acreage.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production, United States, 2008-2009
(Domestic Units) ¹

Crop	Unit	Yield		Production	
		2008	2009	2008	2009
				<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
Grains & Hay					
Barley	Bu	63.6		239,498	
Corn for Grain	"	153.9		12,101,238	
Corn for Silage	Ton	18.7		111,619	
Hay, All	"	2.43		145,672	
Alfalfa	"	3.32		69,620	
All Other	"	1.95		76,052	
Oats	Bu	63.5		88,635	
Proso Millet	"	32.3		14,880	
Rice ²	Cwt	6,846		203,733	
Rye	Bu	29.7		7,979	
Sorghum for Grain	"	65.0		472,342	
Sorghum for Silage	Ton	13.8		5,646	
Wheat, All	Bu	44.9		2,499,524	
Winter	"	47.2		1,867,903	
Durum	"	32.8		84,877	
Other Spring	"	40.5		546,744	
Oilseeds					
Canola	Lb	1,461		1,445,064	
Cottonseed ³	Ton			4,429.0	
Flaxseed	Bu	16.8		5,716	
Mustard Seed	Lb	577		41,255	
Peanuts	"	3,416		5,147,900	
Rapeseed	"	1,500		300	
Safflower	"	1,592		310,433	
Soybeans for Beans	Bu	39.6		2,959,174	
Sunflower	Lb	1,429		3,422,840	
Cotton, Tobacco & Sugar Crops					
Cotton, All ²	Bale	810		13,035.6	
Upland ²	"	799		12,589.0	
Amer-Pima ²	"	1,265		446.6	
Sugarbeets	Ton	26.7		26,820	
Sugarcane	"	33.0		28,636	
Tobacco	Lb	2,260		800,527	
Dry Beans, Peas & Lentils					
Austrian Winter Peas ²	Cwt	1,300		104	
Dry Edible Beans ²	"	1,768		25,558	
Dry Edible Peas ²	"	1,448		12,270	
Lentils ²	"	917		2,411	
Wrinkled Seed Peas ³	"			580	
Potatoes & Misc.					
Coffee (HI)	Lb	1,160		7,300	
Ginger Root (HI)	"	30,000		1,800	
Hops	"	1,971		80,630.1	
Peppermint Oil	"	92		5,499	
Potatoes, All	Cwt	395		412,580	
Winter	"	230	210	2,530	1,890
Spring	"	293		20,132	
Summer	"	309		13,532	
Fall	"	409		376,386	
Spearmint Oil	Lb	118		2,399	
Sweet Potatoes	Cwt	189		18,345	
Taro (HI) ³	Lb			4,400	

¹ Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2009 crop year.

² Yield in pounds.

³ Yield is not estimated.

Crop Summary: Area Planted and Harvested, United States, 2008-2009
(Metric Units) ¹

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
Grains & Hay				
Barley	1,713,460	1,599,740	1,524,470	
Corn for Grain ²	34,796,060	34,392,980	31,824,820	
Corn for Silage			2,413,980	
Hay, All ³			24,306,490	24,401,590
Alfalfa			8,490,400	
All Other			15,816,090	
Oats	1,301,890	1,375,950	564,540	
Proso Millet	210,440		186,160	
Rice	1,212,050	1,288,130	1,204,360	
Rye	509,910		108,860	
Sorghum for Grain ²	3,352,450	2,816,640	2,942,500	
Sorghum for Silage			165,110	
Wheat, All ³	25,554,960	23,730,210	22,535,160	
Winter	18,729,460	17,356,750	16,031,390	
Durum	1,105,210	989,470	1,045,720	
Other Spring	5,720,290	5,384,000	5,458,050	
Oilseeds				
Canola	409,140	346,940	400,240	
Cottonseed				
Flaxseed	143,260	156,210	137,590	
Mustard Seed	32,170		28,940	
Peanuts	620,790	454,870	609,870	
Rapeseed	80		80	
Safflower	81,750		78,910	
Soybeans for Beans	30,642,320	30,766,150	30,206,470	
Sunflower	1,018,400	837,510	969,640	
Cotton, Tobacco & Sugar Crops				
Cotton, All ³	3,832,410	3,565,930	3,127,610	
Upland	3,762,000	3,507,850	3,059,050	
Amer-Pima	70,420	58,070	68,550	
Sugarbeets	441,440	466,040	406,550	
Sugarcane			351,470	
Tobacco			143,340	142,940
Dry Beans, Peas & Lentils				
Austrian Winter Peas	7,080	7,690	3,240	
Dry Edible Beans	605,010	625,690	584,860	
Dry Edible Peas	357,140	390,930	342,890	
Lentils	109,670	151,760	106,430	
Wrinkled Seed Peas				
Potatoes & Misc.				
Coffee (HI)			2,550	
Ginger Root (HI)			20	
Hops			16,550	
Peppermint Oil			24,280	
Potatoes, All ³	428,080		422,780	
Winter	4,450	3,640	4,450	3,640
Spring	28,450		27,840	
Summer	18,620		17,730	
Fall	376,560		372,760	
Spearmint Oil			8,260	
Sweet Potatoes	41,640	41,240	39,250	
Taro (HI) ⁴			160	

¹ Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2009 crop year.

² Area planted for all purposes.

³ Total may not add due to rounding.

⁴ Area is total hectares in crop, not harvested hectares.

Crop Summary: Yield and Production, United States, 2008-2009
(Metric Units) ¹

Crop	Yield		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>
Grains & Hay				
Barley	3.42		5,214,450	
Corn for Grain	9.66		307,385,600	
Corn for Silage	41.95		101,259,050	
Hay, All ²	5.44		132,151,420	
Alfalfa	7.44		63,158,200	
All Other	4.36		68,993,210	
Oats	2.28		1,286,530	
Proso Millet	1.81		337,470	
Rice	7.67		9,241,170	
Rye	1.86		202,680	
Sorghum for Grain	4.08		11,998,040	
Sorghum for Silage	31.02		5,121,970	
Wheat, All ²	3.02		68,025,900	
Winter	3.17		50,835,990	
Durum	2.21		2,309,970	
Other Spring	2.73		14,879,930	
Oilseeds				
Canola	1.64		655,470	
Cottonseed ³			4,017,920	
Flaxseed	1.06		145,190	
Mustard Seed	0.65		18,710	
Peanuts	3.83		2,335,050	
Rapeseed	1.68		140	
Safflower	1.78		140,810	
Soybeans for Beans	2.67		80,535,520	
Sunflower	1.60		1,552,570	
Cotton, Tobacco & Sugar Crops				
Cotton, All ²	0.91		2,838,170	
Upland	0.90		2,740,930	
Amer-Pima	1.42		97,240	
Sugarbeets	59.85		24,330,690	
Sugarcane	73.91		25,978,140	
Tobacco	2.53		363,110	
Dry Beans, Peas & Lentils				
Austrian Winter Peas	1.46		4,720	
Dry Edible Beans	1.98		1,159,290	
Dry Edible Peas	1.62		556,560	
Lentils	1.03		109,360	
Wrinkled Seed Peas ³			26,310	
Potatoes & Misc.				
Coffee (HI)	1.30		3,310	
Ginger Root (HI)	33.63		820	
Hops	2.21		36,570	
Peppermint Oil	0.10		2,490	
Potatoes, All ²	44.26		18,714,320	
Winter	25.78	23.54	114,760	85,730
Spring	32.80		913,170	
Summer	34.63		613,800	
Fall	45.80		17,072,580	
Spearmint Oil	0.13		1,090	
Sweet Potatoes	21.20		832,120	
Taro (HI) ³			2,000	

¹ Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2009 crop year.

² Production may not add due to rounding.

³ Yield is not estimated.

Winter Weather Summary

Highlights: East of the Rockies, temperature and precipitation patterns were rather consistent with conditions expected during a La Niña winter. Cold, snowy weather prevailed from the upper Midwest into New England, while warm, mostly dry conditions affected the southern Atlantic States and the south-central U.S. Wet weather was observed across parts of the interior Southeast. Meanwhile, conditions in the West with a patchwork quilt of above and below normal precipitation totals were not typical of La Niña, which normally results in Northwestern wetness and Southwestern dryness. In California, a wet February partially offset the effects of a very dry January. Elsewhere in the West, generally mild conditions in the southern Rockies contrasted with chilly weather in the Pacific Northwest.

Winter temperatures averaged at least 2 degrees Fahrenheit below normal in Maine and from eastern Montana into the Great Lakes region. Readings averaged as many as 4 to 8 degrees Fahrenheit below normal in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Farther south, however, December-February temperatures averaged at least 4 degrees Fahrenheit above normal in parts of the southern Rockies and southern Plains.

December: Stormy weather across the Nation's northern tier buried winter grains beneath a protective blanket of snow, but disrupted rural travel and increased stress on winter-weary livestock. December snowfall records were established in dozens of locations from Washington to New York, and a few all-time monthly snowfall records were also broken.

The remainder of the West also received some precipitation, although not as consistently. For example, the Sierra Nevada received a monthly average of 6 inches of precipitation, boosting the water equivalency of the mountain snow pack from 1 inch (13 percent of average for the date) on November 30 to 7 inches (74 percent) by the end of December. At lower elevations, rain provided some relief for California's drought-stressed pastures and rangeland.

Farther east, a dry regime across the southern Plains resulted in deterioration in the condition of the winter wheat crop. In addition, high winds raised dust on several occasions across the southern High Plains. By January 3, nearly half (46 percent) of the Texas winter wheat crop was rated in very poor to poor condition, up from 1 percent on November 23. Similarly, one-fifth of Oklahoma's wheat was rated very poor to poor on January 3, up from 6 percent on November 23. Meanwhile, just 9 percent of the winter wheat in Kansas was rated very poor to poor in early January, along with 4 to 5 percent of the crop in Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

Elsewhere, December rainfall significantly eased long-term drought across the interior Southeast, while occasional rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow fell in the Northeast. In contrast, most of the lower Southeast, including Florida, remained dry during December. As a result, irrigation requirements increased in Florida's citrus and winter crop areas.

December temperatures generally averaged 2 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit above normal across the lower Southeast, but were mostly well below normal across the northern Plains, the Midwest, and the West. Monthly readings averaged as many as 6 degrees Fahrenheit below normal in the Northwest, and ranged from 4 to 12 degrees Fahrenheit below normal across the northern Plains and the upper Midwest.

January: Unusually cold weather persisted from the Midwest into the Northeast, where monthly temperatures averaged at least 5 degrees Fahrenheit below normal. While much of this region experienced a reprieve from December's heavy snow, an extensive snow cover remained in place due to the frigid conditions. In contrast, mild, breezy weather kept the northern and central High Plains free of snow for much of January.

Meanwhile, unfavorably dry weather prevailed from the Rockies westward, except for pockets of heavy snow across the Intermountain West and early-month downpours and flooding in the Pacific Northwest. An area from California into the Great Basin, where drought developed during the winter of 2006-07, was of particular concern due to already low reservoir levels and the risk of completing a third consecutive year of drought. At month's end, California's 151 intrastate reservoirs cumulatively held just 66 percent of the normal volume of water for January 31. At the same time, the Sierra Nevada snow pack contained a meager average of 10 inches of liquid, 59 percent of average for the date.

Farther east, a late month winter storm brought much needed moisture to the southern Plains, but produced significant build-ups of ice and snow from the Mid-South into the Northeast. On January 27-28, Kentucky and neighboring states were particularly hard hit by accumulations of freezing rain, which reached an inch or more and caused major electrical disruptions.

Cold air made a deep push into Florida from January 21-23. In most Florida locations, the outbreak's lowest temperatures were observed on January 22. Although citrus and sugarcane appeared to escape the freezes with few adverse impacts, tender vegetables such as beans, tomatoes, and sweet corn reportedly experienced varying degrees of damage. Among winter crop areas, only southeastern Florida escaped the freeze.

Elsewhere, winter wheat conditions declined sharply across the southern Plains due to drought intensification. In Texas, 64 percent of the winter wheat was rated in very poor to poor condition on February 1, up from 46 percent on January 3 and 16 percent on November 23. Similarly, 36 percent of Oklahoma's wheat was rated very poor to poor, up from 20 percent in early January and 6 percent in late November.

February: Much needed precipitation doubled the water content of the Sierra Nevada snow pack and aided California's drought-stressed pastures and rangeland. According to the California Department of Water Resources, the water equivalent of the Sierra Nevada snow pack climbed from 10 to 20 inches (from 58 to 77 percent of average for the date) during February.

In contrast, winter wheat continued to suffer across the southern Plains due to drought. In Texas, nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of the winter wheat was rated in very poor to poor condition on March 1, up from 46 percent on January 3 and 16 percent on November 23. By early March, very poor to poor conditions were also noted on 42 and 15 percent of the wheat acreage in Oklahoma and Kansas, respectively.

Farther north and east, however, heavy precipitation occurred from the Dakotas eastward into the Great Lakes region, maintaining adequate to locally excessive moisture reserves. Elsewhere, drier than normal conditions prevailed during February across the majority of the South and East. Southeastern drought concerns were greatest, however, across Florida's peninsula, where citrus producers irrigated to ensure favorable moisture in orchards for the upcoming bloom season.

Warmer than normal conditions were observed during February in a broad area stretching from the Rockies into the Midwest. Monthly temperatures averaged at least 5 degrees Fahrenheit above normal across the southern half of the Plains. In contrast, cooler than normal weather prevailed across the northernmost Plains, the lower Southeast, and the Far West. February readings averaged at least 5 degrees Fahrenheit below normal in much of North Dakota and a few locations in Florida and southern Georgia. On February 5, Florida's peninsula experienced a freeze similar to the one observed on January 22. Like the earlier freeze, citrus and sugarcane appeared to escape significant harm, while tender vegetables, such as tomatoes, beans, and sweet corn, suffered varying degrees of damage.

Crop Comments

Corn: Growers intend to plant 85.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2009, down 1 percent from last year and 9 percent below 2007. If realized, this will still be the third largest acreage since 1949. Expected acreage is down in many States as corn prices have retreated from last year's record highs and input costs have remained unstable.

The largest declines are expected in North Dakota and Colorado, down 250,000 and 200,000 acres, respectively. Intended acres in California are down 120,000 acres from last year while producers in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Texas intend to decrease corn planted area by 100,000 acres. The largest increases are expected in Missouri, up 250,000 acres, South Dakota, up 150,000 acres, and Illinois, up 100,000 acres.

Sorghum: The 2009 sorghum area intended to be planted for all purposes is estimated at 6.96 million acres, down 16 percent from 2008. Compared with last year, producers in all States are showing a decline in intended acreage. Producers in Kansas intend to plant 2.80 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous year. The largest decline is expected in Texas, where farmers intend to plant 750,000 acres less than 2008. Planting was underway in early March across the Lower Valley and Upper Coast regions of Texas, as 18 percent of the State's crop was planted by March 15, two percentage points behind the 5-year average.

Oats: Growers intend to plant an estimated 3.40 million acres, up 6 percent from the 3.22 million acres planted in 2008. Most of the increase in acreage is expected to be in the Great Plains States. The largest acreage increase is expected to occur in Iowa, where growers intend to plant 200,000 acres, 50,000 more than last year. Acreage intentions

increased or remained unchanged in all but 8 of the estimating States. The largest declines are in the Great Lakes region.

Barley: Growers intend to plant 3.95 million acres for 2009, down 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third lowest barley planted acreage on record. In North Dakota, the largest barley-producing State, the expected planted area is 1.55 million acres, down 6 percent from 2008. Growers in California, Minnesota, New York, Washington, and Wyoming intend to decrease their acreage by 20 percent or more. Planted acreage is expected to decline to record low levels in California, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, and Utah. Oregon expects to match its lowest acreage on record.

Winter Wheat: The 2009 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 42.9 million acres, up 2 percent from the *Winter Wheat Seedings* report. Acreage increases from the previous report were mainly in the Hard Red Winter growing States. States with the most notable acreage increases from the previous estimate were Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado. Of the total acreage, about 30.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.38 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.65 million acres are White Winter. Winter wheat conditions declined over the winter in several States. Moisture shortages are a concern in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Durum Wheat: Area seeded to Durum wheat is expected to total 2.45 million acres, down 10 percent from 2008. Planted acreage is expected to be down in all producing States except Idaho. Growers in North Dakota and Montana intend to reduce acreage from last year by 200,000 and 50,000 acres, respectively.

Other Spring Wheat: Growers intend to plant 13.3 million acres this year, down 6 percent from 2008. Of the total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The largest expected acreage decreases are in Montana, down 300,000, North Dakota down 200,000. Growers in both South Dakota and Minnesota intend to plant 100,000 fewer acres than last year.

Rice: Area planted to rice for 2009 is expected to total 3.18 million acres, up 6 percent from 2008. Except for California, acreage in all rice producing States is expected to increase from the previous year, mainly due to the high prices received during 2008. Concerns over possible water restrictions for the upcoming season is the driving force behind California's expected 8 percent decrease in planted acreage from 2008. Growers in Arkansas, the largest rice producing State, intend to plant 1.58 million acres, up 13 percent from last year.

Long grain planted acreage, representing 80 percent of the total rice acreage, is expected to be up 7 percent from last year. Medium grain planted acreage, representing 19 percent of the total, is expected to be up 6 percent from the previous year due to acreage increases in the Delta States. Area planted to short grain varieties, 1 percent of the total, is expected to be 41,000 acres.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 60.3 million acres of all hay in 2009, up slightly from 2008. Harvested area is expected to increase from last year throughout most of the Central Great Plains and the Pacific Northwest. Oklahoma, Montana, Kansas, and Wisconsin expect the largest increase in acreage harvested. North Dakota, Texas, North Carolina, and Missouri expect the largest decreases in acreage harvested. Producers in Oklahoma and Montana intend to harvest 240,000 and 200,000 more acres, respectively, while growers in North Dakota and Texas expect to harvest 420,000 and 130,000 less acres, respectively.

Soybeans: Growers intend to plant an estimated 76.0 million acres in 2009, up slightly from the acreage planted in 2008 and will be the largest on record, if realized. Tightening soybean supplies and lower input costs than corn have resulted in farmers intending to plant more soybean area this year. Compared with last year, the largest increase is expected in Kansas, up 200,000 acres. Increases of 100,000 acres or more are also expected in Arkansas, Iowa, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio. Meanwhile, the States with the largest expected declines are Missouri and South Dakota, both down 150,000 acres. If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas and New York will be the largest on record, and the planted acreage in North Dakota will tie the previous record high.

Peanuts: Growers intend to plant 1.12 million acres of peanuts in 2009, down 27 percent from the previous year. Record production in 2008, and concerns about future demand as a result of the Salmonella outbreak have limited the number of contracts being offered to producers for the upcoming season. Growers in the Southeast (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina) intend to plant 855,000 acres in 2009, compared with 1.13 million acres planted in 2008. In Georgia, the largest peanut producing State, planted acreage is expected to decline 28 percent from last year. Growers in the Southwest (New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) intend to plant 182,000 acres, down

36 percent from the previous year. Plantings in the Virginia-North Carolina region are expected to total 87,000 acres, down 29 percent from 2008. Acreage in Virginia is expected to decline 50 percent from 2008.

Sunflower: Growers intend to plant a total of 2.07 million acres in 2009, down 18 percent from last year, but down only 500 acres from 2007. Area intended for oil type varieties, at 1.74 million acres, is down 20 percent from 2008. The area intended for non-oil varieties, estimated at 332,500 acres, is down 6 percent from last year.

North Dakota sunflower growers intend to plant 975,000 acres in 2009, down 140,000 acres from 2008. Compared with last year, most major sunflower-producing States are expecting a large decline in planted area in 2009, with only Nebraska and Texas showing slight increases in expected acreage.

Canola: Producers intend to plant 857,300 acres in 2009, down 15 percent from 2008. Planted area is expected to decrease from last year in Minnesota, Montana, and North Dakota. Producers in North Dakota, the leading canola State, intend to plant 760,000 acres, down 150,000 acres from last year.

Flaxseed: Producers intend to plant 386,000 acres of flaxseed in 2009, up 9 percent from both last year and 2007. Planted area is expected to increase or remain unchanged from last year in all States in the estimating program. In North Dakota, the leading flaxseed-producing State, growers intend to plant 360,000 acres in 2009, up 7 percent from 2008.

Cotton: Area planted to all cotton for 2009 is expected to total 8.81 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Upland area is expected to total 8.67 million acres, 7 percent below last year and the lowest since 1983. American-Pima cotton growers intend to plant 143,500 acres, down 18 percent from last year. Producers intend to plant fewer acres of cotton due to low cotton prices and higher input costs.

Upland growers in the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) intend to plant 1.67 million acres, an 11 percent decrease from the previous year. Farmers in Mississippi expect to plant 300,000 acres, 18 percent less than last year and the lowest acreage on record. Louisiana producers intend to plant 240,000 acres, the lowest on record. In Arkansas, producers intend to plant 520,000 acres, down 16 percent from last year and the lowest since 1986. Tennessee producers intend to plant 9 percent more acres than last year.

In the Southeastern States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia) growers intend to plant 1.87 million acres, a decrease of 3 percent from last year. In the region, North Carolina shows the largest decline with growers intending to plant 375,000 acres, 13 percent less than 2008. Alabama producers intend to plant 280,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year and the lowest acreage since 1983. Georgia producers intend to plant 940,000 acres, unchanged from last year. In South Carolina and Virginia, producers intend to plant more cotton than last year as they shift acreage from peanuts to cotton.

Upland cotton producers in Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas intend to plant 4.93 million acres, a 6 percent decrease from last year. Texas producers intend to plant 4.70 million acres, down 300,000 acres from last year. In Southern Texas, planting is underway. Oklahoma producers intend to plant 160,000 acres. Record low area is expected in New Mexico where producers intend to plant 33,000 acres.

Upland planted acreage in Arizona and California is expected to total 205,000 acres, down 20 percent from last year. California producers intend to plant 75,000 acres, down 37 percent from last year and the lowest upland acreage since records began in 1941. The large decrease stems from producer concerns over irrigation water supplies. Arizona producers intend to plant 130,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year.

American-Pima intentions are 143,500 acres, a decrease of 18 percent from 2008. California producers intend to plant 120,000 acres of American-Pima, down 35,000 acres from last year and the lowest acreage since 1995. Expected area is up in Texas, where producers intend to plant 20,000 acres, 29 percent more than last year.

Sugarbeets: Area planted to sugarbeets for the 2009 crop year is expected to total 1.15 million acres, 6 percent higher than the 2008 planted acreage. Intended plantings increased from last year in all States except California, where producers intend to plant only 25,000 acres. If realized, this will establish a new record low for the fifth straight year in California.

Tobacco: U.S. all tobacco area for harvest in 2009 is expected to be 353,200 acres, down less than 1 percent from 2008 and 1 percent below 2007. Expected decreases in burley, fire-cured, and dark air-cured tobacco are expected to offset increases in flue-cured and cigar type tobacco.

Flue-cured tobacco intentions, at 227,500 acres, are 2 percent above 2008 and 2007. Flue-cured tobacco accounts for 64 percent of this year's expected total tobacco acreage. Acreage in North Carolina, the leading flue-cured State, is up 4 percent from last year. Growers in Georgia and South Carolina expect acreage to decrease from a year ago by 6 percent and 3 percent, respectively. Acreage in Virginia is expected to remain the same.

Light air-cured tobacco type acreage is expected to be down 1 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below 2007. Burley tobacco, at 96,600 acres, is 1 percent below last year and down 9 percent from 2007. If realized, this will be the lowest burley acreage on record surpassing last year's low of 97,200 acres. Acreage in Kentucky, the leading burley tobacco State, is expected to be unchanged from a year ago. Growers in Ohio and Pennsylvania expect acreage to decrease from 2008 by 6 percent and 5 percent, respectively. Pennsylvania's southern Maryland type tobacco acres are estimated at 1,900, up 6 percent from 2008 and 73 percent above 2007.

Fire-cured tobacco intentions, at 16,100 acres, are down 13 percent from 2008 but 10 percent above 2007. Acreage in Kentucky and Tennessee is expected to decrease from last year by 17 percent and 10 percent, respectively. Acreage in Virginia is expected to increase 20 percent from a year ago.

Dark air-cured tobacco intentions, at 5,600 acres, are 34 percent below last year but up 12 percent from 2007. Growers in Kentucky and Tennessee are expecting acreage to decrease from a year ago by 35 percent and 31 percent, respectively. After last year's large crop, fewer acres are being contracted for the dark tobacco types.

All cigar type tobacco intentions, at 5,500 acres, are 8 percent above last year but down 9 percent from 2007. Increases in cigar binder and cigar filler more than offset decreases in shade-grown tobacco. Connecticut Valley binder area for harvest, at 2,500 acres, is 14 percent above 2008. Pennsylvania seedleaf, at 2,000 acres, is expected to be up 11 percent from a year ago. Expected Connecticut Valley shade-grown tobacco acres, at 1,000, are down 8 percent from a year ago.

Sweet Potatoes: Planted area of sweet potatoes is expected to total 101,900 acres for the 2009 season, down 1 percent from last year but 1 percent above 2007. The planted acreage decrease is due to fewer acres expected in North Carolina and the removal of South Carolina and Virginia from the estimation program beginning this year.

In North Carolina, bad weather and low prices are deterring some growers from planting sweet potatoes, while drought is the main reason fewer acres are expected in Texas. In California, growers intend to increase planted acres hoping for a sufficient supply of irrigation water. Farmers in Alabama also intend to increase sweet potato acres. Planted acreage in Louisiana, Mississippi, and New Jersey is expected to be unchanged.

Dry Beans: U.S. dry bean growers intend to plant 1.55 million acres in 2009, up 3 percent from the previous year and 1 percent higher than 2007. The increase in planted acres can be attributed in part to favorably stable dry bean prices. Expected area planted to all chickpeas is 96,600 acres, up 18 percent from 2008 but 23 percent lower than 2007. Small chickpea area, at 27,300 acres, is almost 3 times more acres than last year and 2.5 times more than 2007. Large chickpea acreage is expected to be 3 percent lower than last year and 39 percent less than 2007. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch hole screen.

Acreage increases are expected in 11 of the 17 dry bean estimating States. In North Dakota, the largest producing State, growers intend to plant 660,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Although planted acres are expected to increase in California, growers are concerned about reductions in irrigation water. Dry conditions in Texas have dry bean farmers worried about an increase in failed acres. In Wyoming, topsoil moisture levels were rated 64 percent adequate or better, 5 points above last year and 17 points above the 5-year average.

Lentils: Area planted for the 2009 crop year is expected to total 375,000 acres, up 38 percent from 2008 and 24 percent above two years ago. Idaho, Montana, and North Dakota anticipate higher planted acreages this season, while Washington shows no change from a year ago.

Farmers in North Dakota, the largest producing State, intend to plant 140,000 acres of lentils this year, up 47 percent from a year ago and 27 percent above two years ago. Acreage in Idaho and Montana is expected to increase from last year by 45 percent and 51 percent, respectively.

Dry Edible Peas: Growers intend to plant 966,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2008 and 14 percent above two years ago. Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington anticipate higher planted acreages this season.

Farmers in North Dakota, the largest producing State, intend to plant 570,000 acres this year, up 10 percent from a year ago and 11 percent above two years ago. Montana and Washington are expected to increase planted acreage 6 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

Austrian Winter Peas: Area planted for the 2009 crop year is expected to total 19,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2008 but 34 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Oregon anticipate higher planted acreages this season, while Montana expects no change from a year ago.

Reliability of Acreage Data in this Report

Survey Procedures: The acreage estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first 2 weeks of March. The March Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes a sample of approximately 86,000 farm operators selected from a list of producers that ensures all operations in the U.S. have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, internet, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 2009 crop year.

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Also, shown in the table is a 20-year record for selected crops of the difference between the "**Prospective Plantings**" planted acreage estimates and the final estimates. Using corn again as an example, changes between the intentions estimates and the final estimates during the past 20 years have averaged 1.12 million acres, ranging from 32,000 acres to 3.84 million acres. The prospective plantings estimates have been below the final estimate 7 times and above 13 times. This does not imply that the planted estimate this year is likely to understate or overstate the final estimate.

Reliability of Prospective Plantings Planted Acreage Estimates

Crop	Root Mean Square Error Percent	90 Percent Confidence Interval	20-Year Record of Differences Between Forecast and Final Estimate				
			Thousand Acres Quantity			Number of Years	
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Below Final	Above Final
			<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Corn	2.0	3.5	1,119	32	3,844	7	13
Sorghum	8.9	15.4	717	31	2,471	12	8
Oats	6.2	10.7	327	21	1,132	1	19
Barley	5.0	8.7	273	31	667	5	15
Winter Wheat	1.5	2.5	528	6	1,415	8	12
Durum Wheat	6.6	11.5	160	12	552	14	6
Other Spring Wheat	5.8	10.0	797	12	2,543	11	9
Soybeans	2.1	3.6	1,173	25	2,582	12	8
Upland Cotton	4.6	7.9	450	6	1,320	10	10

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