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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS – MARCH 1, 2022

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

As of March 1, Montana growers intend to plant 115,000 acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2022, down 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. The area expected to be seeded to **oats**, at 60,000 acres, is unchanged from a year ago. Growers intend to plant 1.05 million acres of **barley** in 2022, up 110,000 acres from last year's actual plantings, and if realized, would be the largest barley planted acreage since 2003.

All wheat acreage is expected to total 5.94 million acres for 2022. **Winter wheat** seeded last fall for harvest in 2022 is estimated at 2.05 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the 2021 crop. Growers intend to seed 840,000 acres of **Durum wheat** this year, up 170,000 acres from last year. Growers intend to seed 3.05 million acres of **spring wheat** this year, up 150,000 acres from last year. **Hay** producers in the state intend to harvest 2.45 million acres this year. This is up 160,000 acres from the acreage cut for hay in 2021. Montana **canola** producers intend to plant 170,000 acres in 2022, down 15,000 acres from the record high planted acreage set in 2021. **Flaxseed** producers intend to plant 110,000 acres in 2022, down 25,000 acres from last year.

The area planted to **sugarbeets** is expected to be down 700 acres from last year's actual plantings to 43,000 acres. All **garbanzo beans** (chickpeas) area planted is expected to total 140,000 acres, down 35,000 acres from 2021. The acreage of small chickpeas is expected to total 17,000 acres and the acreage of large chickpeas is expected to total 123,000 acres this year.

Lentil acres planted for 2022 are expected to total 580,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from last year and the second highest planted acreage on record. All **dry edible pea** area planted, which includes Austrian winter peas, is expected to total 600,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from last year and the second highest planted acreage on record.

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.

Area expected to be seeded to **oats** for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 2.55 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2021. If realized, the United States planted area will be the second lowest on record.

Producers intend to seed 2.94 million acres of **barley** for the 2022 crop year, up 11 percent from the previous year.

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.

Canola producers intend to plant a record high 2.16 million acres in 2022, up less than 1 percent from last year's planted area.

Flaxseed growers intend to plant 360,000 acres of flaxseed in 2022, an increase of 11 percent from 2021.

Area expected to be planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2022 crop year is estimated at 1.14 million acres, down 1 percent from 2021.

Chickpea growers intend to plant 303,600 acres of chickpeas, down 18 percent from the previous year. Small chickpea expected planted area is estimated at 62,100 acres, up 5 percent from 2021. Area expected to be planted for large chickpeas in 2022 is estimated at 241,500 acres, a 22 percent decrease from the previous year.

Lentil growers intend to plant 788,000 acres in 2022, up 11 percent from 2021. **Dry edible pea** growers intend to plant 1.09 million acres in 2022, up 11 percent from 2021.

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