

# CALIFORNIA'S PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS REPORT

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## FIELD CROP PLANTING ESTIMATES FOR 2001

These estimates of acreage to be planted for harvest are based on a survey of more than 2,000 California farmers, conducted the first two weeks of March. The impact of weather and/or market conditions since then is not reflected in this report.

**Cotton** - California farmers were intending to plant 660,000 acres to *Upland cotton* in 2001, a 15% decrease from the acreage seeded in 2000. In addition, growers were expecting to seed 190,000 acres to *American Pima cotton* in 2001, up 31% from last year.

**Corn** - California farmers were expected to plant 520,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2001, 4% less than last year.

**Oats** - Farmers in California had planted or expected to plant 220,000 acres of oats, unchanged from last year.

**Wheat** - Acreage seeded to *Winter wheat* is estimated at 500,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Another 85,000 acres have been seeded to *Durum wheat*, down 15% from 2000.

**Rice** - California farmers intended to seed rice on 520,000 acres, a 5% decrease from the 2000 seeded acreage. The expressed intentions were to seed 475,000 acres to *medium grain* varieties, down 6% from a year ago. *Long grain* rice acreage is forecast at 10,000 acres, up 11% from last season. *Short grain* rice planted acreage is forecast at 35,000 acres, up 3% from short grain plantings in 2000.

**Barley** - California farmers had planted or intended to plant 130,000 acres to barley, up 18% from the previous year.

**Sugar Beets** - California producers intended to plant 43,000 acres of sugar beets, down 56% from the seeded acreage in 2000.

**Dry Edible Beans** - Seeding of dry edible beans was planned for 100,000 acres in California, down 13% from last year.

**All Hay** - California producers intended to harvest hay from 1.54 million acres, 1% more than last year.