

CALIFORNIA'S PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS REPORT

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FIELD CROP PLANTING ESTIMATES FOR 2002

These estimates of acreage planted and to be planted 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 590,000 acres to **Upland** cotton in 2002, an 8% decrease from the acreage seeded in 2001. In addition, growers were expecting to seed 245,000 acres to **American Pima** cotton in 2002, up 7% from last year.

Corn - California farmers were expected to plant 500,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2002, 4% more than last year.

Oats - Farmers in California had planted or expected to plant 330,000 acres of oats, up 27% from 2001.

Wheat - Acreage seeded to **Winter** wheat is estimated at 530,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Another 95,000 acres have been seeded to **Durum** wheat, up 12% from 2001.

Rice - California farmers intended to seed rice on 485,000 acres, a 3% increase from the 2001 seeded acreage. The expressed intentions were to seed 455,000 acres to **medium grain** varieties, up 5% from a year ago. **Long grain** rice acreage is forecast at 10,000 acres, down 23% from last season. **Short grain** rice planted acreage is forecast at 20,000 acres, 20% below 2001.

Barley - California farmers had planted or intended to plant 110,000 acres to barley, down 31% from the previous year.

Sugar Beets - California producers intended to plant 51,000 acres of sugar beets, up 9% from the seeded acreage in 2001.

Dry Edible Beans - Seeding of dry edible beans was planned for 110,000 acres in California, up 20% from last year.

Sweet Potatoes - California farmers were expected to plant 11,000 acres of sweet potatoes in 2002, 8% more than last year.

All Hay - California producers intended to harvest hay from 1.64 million acres, 6% more than last year.