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INDIANA SOYBEANS UP, WHILE CORN PLANTING INTENTIONS DOWN

Indiana farmers intend to plant 5.70 million acres of corn for all purposes and 5.50 million acres of soybeans in 2008 based on USDA-NASS, Indiana Field Office's March 1 survey. If these intentions are realized, corn planted acreage would be down 12 percent, while soybeans planted acreage would be up 17 percent from the 2007 level.

The 2008 winter wheat acreage seeded last fall is estimated at 550,000 acres, 31 percent higher than the 420,000 acres seeded a year earlier. Intended acres seeded to oats, at 30,000 acres, is up 20 percent from 2007. Intended all hay acreage for harvest, at 650,000 acres, is down 2 percent from 2007. Tobacco estimates for Indiana were discontinued in 2005.

Nationally, corn growers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from last year when corn planted area was the highest since 1944. Expected acreage is down from last year in most States as favorable prices for other crops, high input costs for corn, and crop rotation considerations are motivating some farmers to plant fewer acres to corn. Despite the decrease, corn acreage is expected to remain at historically high levels as the corn price outlook remains strong due in part to the continued expansion in ethanol production.

U.S. soybean producers intend to plant 74.8 million acres in 2008, up 18 percent from last year, but 1 percent below the record high acreage in 2006. Acreage increases are expected in all States, except in West Virginia, which is unchanged from last year. The largest increases are expected in Iowa and Nebraska, up 1.25 million acres and 1.20 million acres from 2007, respectively. Increases of at least 800,000 acres are also expected in Indiana, Minnesota, and South Dakota. If realized, the planted acreage in Kansas, New York, and Pennsylvania will be the largest on record.

Nationally, all wheat planted area is estimated at 63.8 million acres, up 6 percent from 2007. The 2008 winter wheat planted area, at 46.8 million acres, is 4 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 32.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 10.7 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.63 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2008 is expected to total 14.3 million acres, up 8 percent from 2007. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2008 is 2.63 million acres, up 22 percent from the previous year.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS - 2008 1/

Crop	Acres for Planting			
	2006	2007	2008	08/07
	Thousand Acres			%
INDIANA:				
Corn, All Purposes	5,500	6,500	5,700	88
Soybeans	5,700	4,700	5,500	117
Winter Wheat 2/	470	420	550	131
Oats	25	25	30	120
All Hay 3/	650	660	650	98
UNITED STATES:				
Corn, All Purposes	78,327	93,600	86,014	92
Soybeans	75,522	63,631	74,793	118
Winter Wheat 2/	40,575	44,987	46,840	104
Spring Wheat (Including Durum)	16,769	15,446	16,963	110
Oats	4,168	3,760	3,420	91
Sorghum, All Purposes	6,522	7,718	7,415	96
All Hay 3/	60,927	61,625	60,583	98
Tobacco 3/	339.0	356.0	350.9	99

1/ As of March 1. 2/ Seeded the previous year. 3/ Harvested acres.