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AUSTIN . . . In 2004 Texas producers planted 5.85 million acres of cotton, 2.21 million acres of sorghum and 1.83 million acres of corn. Texas producers also harvested 3.50 million acres of wheat and 5.35 million acres of all hay. How much will be planted and harvested in 2005, and how will it compare to last year's acreage?

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service is preparing to gather information on crop intentions for the 2005 crop season. The upcoming March Agricultural Survey will collect crop acreage planted and to be planted, and the quantity of grains stored on farms.

About 6,000 Texas farmers are being asked to take part in this survey. Selected farmers will be called or personally visited by an interviewer from February 26 to March 14, 2005. State and National survey results will be available in the '2005 Prospective Plantings' report from Washington, D.C. on March 31, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. All reports are available on the Internet within minutes of the scheduled release time at <http://www.usda.gov/nass>. The results will also be printed in the "Texas Agricultural Facts" publication. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Cynthia Price or Jerry Ramirez at 1-800-626-3142.