



Press Release

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On: PROSPECTIVE UPLAND COTTON ACREAGE
DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . Texas producers intend to plant more acres of Pima cotton, oats, sorghum sunflowers and soybeans in 2005. Acreage of Upland cotton, rice and winter wheat are expected to decrease.

Based on results of a survey conducted the first two weeks of March by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, **Upland cotton** acreage is forecast at 5.7 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Planting of Pima cotton is expected to total 22,000 acres, up 5 percent from 2004.

Growers intend to plant 1.95 million acres of **corn**, up 7 percent from last year. Rice acreage is expected to decrease 5 percent from last year to 211,000 acres.

"This report is an early indication of producers' intentions to plant," cautioned State Director Robin Roark. "Actual planted acreage may vary depending on weather, production costs and anticipated prices at harvest."

Producers intend to plant 2.5 million acres of **sorghum** during 2005, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Prospective **soybean** acreage, at 310,000 acres, is up 7 percent from last year, and acreage intentions for **sunflowers**, at 75,000 acres, is up 83 percent from last year.

Texas **winter wheat** planted, at 5.8 million acres, is down 8 percent from a year ago and unchanged from the January estimate.

Planted acreage for **peanuts** is forecast at 240,000 acres, unchanged from 2004.

Texas harvested acreage for **all hay** is estimated at 5.4 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

United States Upland cotton producers intend to plant 13.5 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Prospective corn acreage, at 81.4 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2004. Sorghum acreage is expected to decrease 1 percent to 7.4 million acres.

Rice acreage is forecast at 3.4 million acres, virtually unchanged from last year. Soybean planting intentions are 73.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year.

Winter wheat planted for the nation is estimated at 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year's acreage.

TEXAS PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Crop	2003	2004	Indicated 2005 ^{1/}	Percent of 2004
	<u>1,000 acres</u>			<u>Percent</u>
Beans, dry edible	50	20	17	85
Corn, all	1,830	1,830	1,950	107
Cotton, American-Pima	20	21	22	105
Cotton, Upland	5,600	5,850	5,700	97
Hay, all, harvested	5,240	5,350	5,400	101
Oats, planted	625	680	700	103
Peanuts	275	240	240	100
Rice	181	222	211	95
Sorghum, all	3,200	2,210	2,500	113
Soybeans	200	290	310	107
Sunflowers, all	59	41	75	183
Sweetpotatoes	3.4	3.5	3.4	97
Winter wheat	6,600	6,300	5,800	92

^{1/} Intended acreage in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers.