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## **Arizona Planting Intentions Survey Results**

Upland cotton acreage in Arizona is expected to total 200,000 acres, a decrease of 50,000 acres from a year ago, according to a planting intentions survey conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Arizona Field Office. Arizona's American-Pima cotton producers intend to plant 4,000 acres, a decrease of 5,000 acres. Nationally, upland cotton acres are expected to total 12.9 million, down 11 percent from 2011 and American-Pima acreage is expected to decrease 12 percent, to 270,000 acres. California producers expect to plant 250,000 acres, down 8 percent from last year.

Field corn acreage for all purposes is expected to total 60,000 acres in Arizona, a 5,000 acre increase from 2011. For the United States, corn growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres, 4 percent more than the previous year.

Arizona sorghum growers are expected to plant 25,000 acres, 3,000 acres more than last year. Nationally, sorghum acreage is expected to increase 9 percent to 5.95 million acres.

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Arizona hay growers are expected to harvest 310,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2011. This acreage includes both alfalfa and other types of hay. Total U.S. hay acreage intended to be harvested is estimated at 57.3 million acres, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Arizona's durum wheat seedings are estimated at 100,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2011. For the United States, area seeded to durum wheat is expected to total 2.22 million acres, up 62 percent from a year ago. Arizona's seedings of wheat other than durum are set at 8,000 acres, a 1,000 acre increase from last year. Total U.S. winter wheat acreage is estimated at 41.7 million acres, 3 percent more than in 2011 and total spring wheat acreage is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Arizona's barley acreage is estimated at 60,000 acres, an 8 percent decrease from 2011. Nationally, barley growers intend to plant 3.33 million acres for 2012, up 30 percent from last year.

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