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March 1 Planting Intentions

Farmers in Tennessee intend to plant 960,000 acres of corn, 120,000 higher than 2022. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 92.0 million acres for all purposes in 2023, up 4 percent from last year and 1 percent lower than 2021.

Soybean acreage in Tennessee was expected to total 1.60 million acres, down 50,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2023 is estimated at 87.5 million acres, up slightly from last year.

Upland cotton acreage to be planted in Tennessee is forecast at 335,000, unchanged from 2022. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 11.1 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Burley tobacco growers in Tennessee intend to set 3,000 acres for harvest, up 300 acres from 2022. For the burley producing states, growers intend to set 35,370 acres, 9 percent above last year.

Producers intend to set 6,300 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Tennessee, unchanged acres from the previous year. Acreage set to dark-air tobacco was estimated at 3,400 acres, down 300 acres from 2022.

Winter wheat seeded by Tennessee farmers in the fall of 2022 totaled 470,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from the previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 37.5 million acres, up 13 percent from 2021.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 1.76 million acres of all hay, up 48,000.0 acres from 2022. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 50.6 million acres of hay in 2023, up 2 percent from last year.