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USDA reports increase in Maryland corn and barley acreage

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The U.S Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated 510 thousand acres of corn planted in Maryland for 2023, up 16% from last year. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 445 thousand acres, up 17% from last year.

Following up to the Prospective Plantings report released in late spring, NASS surveyed approximately 9,100 segments of land and 63,700 farm operators during the first two weeks of June to gather information on what farmers planted.

Key findings released in the Acreage report include:

Soybean

- Soybean planted area for 2023 is estimated at 490 thousand acres, down 6% from 2022.
- Soybean area harvested for grain for 2023 is estimated at 480 thousand acres, down 6% from last year.

Winter Wheat

- Winter Wheat planted area for 2023 is estimated at 340 thousand acres, down 4% from a year ago.
- Winter Wheat harvested area for 2023 is estimated at 175 thousand acres, up 3% from last year.

All Hay

- Growers expect to harvest 190 thousand acres of hay, down 12% from last year.
- Other hay is estimated at 160 thousand acres, down 9% from 2022.
- Alfalfa hay is estimated at 30 thousand acres, down 25% from last year.

Barley

- Barley planted area for 2023 is 34 thousand acres, up 21% from 2022.
- Barley harvested area is estimated at 20 thousand acres, up 25% from 2022.

For the complete “Acreage” report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/j098zb09z>

The “Acreage” report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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