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Maryland farmers expect to plant more barley acreage

ANNAPOLIS, MD --- The Prospective Plantings report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2023 planting intentions, according to Shareefah Williams, state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. NASS acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 72,900 farm operators across the United States.

Maryland's 2023 key findings in the report are:

- **Corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 460 thousand acres, up 5% from last year.
- **Soybean** planted area is estimated at 530 thousand acres, up 2% from last year.
- **Barley** planted area is estimated at 34 thousand acres, up 21% from last year.
- **Winter Wheat** area planted is estimated at 370 thousand acres, up 4% from last year.
- **Hay** area harvested is estimated at 220 thousand acres, up 2% from last year.

For the complete "Prospective Plantings" report, go to:
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/x633f100h>

The "Prospective Plantings" report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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