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Tennessee Farmers Planting More Corn, Soybeans, Cotton

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its Acreage and Grain Stocks reports today, based on the June Area and June Agricultural Surveys conducted earlier this month.

“Tennessee producers plan for increased acreages of corn, soybeans, cotton and hay in 2018,” said Debra Kenerson, Tennessee State Statistician. “All types of tobacco acreages are expected to decline, with burley taking the largest impact, decreasing 3,000 acres from 2017 and even showing a 500-acre decrease from producers’ March 2018 expectations.”

Soybeans planted in Tennessee were estimated at 1.75 million acres, up 60,000 acres from 2017. Acres harvested for grain, at 1.72 million acres, was 60,000 acres above acres a year ago. U.S. soybean planted area for 2018 was estimated at 89.6 million acres, down one percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 88.9 million acres, is down one percent from 2017.

Acreage planted to **corn** in Tennessee was estimated at 780,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2017. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 730,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. The U.S. corn planted for all purposes in 2018 was estimated at 89.1 million acres, down one percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.8 million acres for grain, down one percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage in Tennessee was estimated at 350,000, up 5,000 acres from 2017. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 13.3 million acres, up seven percent from the previous year.

Farmers in Tennessee intend to set an estimated 9,000 acres of **burley tobacco** for harvest. This was 3,000 acres below the 2017 level. **Dark fire-cured tobacco** acreage set was estimated at 6,800 acres, down 700 acres from the previous year. **Dark air-cured tobacco** acreage was estimated at 1,500 acres, down 100 from a year ago. Burley producing states acreage for harvest was estimated at 69,800 acres, 14 percent below last year.

Winter wheat seeded acreage in Tennessee was estimated at 390,000 acres, 20,000 acres above the previous year. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 295,000 acres, 20,000 acres above 2017. The U.S. winter wheat planted area was estimated at 32.7 million acres, up slightly from 2017. Area harvested for grain was forecast at 24.8 million acres, down two percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay acreage in Tennessee was estimated at 18,000 acres, up 3,000 from the 2017 crop. **All other hay** was estimated at 1.80 million acres, up 100,000 from a year ago. The U.S. **All other hay** acreage was estimated at 55.1 million acres, up two percent from 2017.

To view the complete Acreage report, visit <https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/acrg0618.pdf>. To view the complete Grain Stocks report, visit <https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/grst0618.pdf>. For more information about all Tennessee surveys and reports, call Debra Kenerson at the NASS Tennessee Field Office on (615) 891-0903, or (800) 626-0987, or visit https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Tennessee/.

Planted and Harvested Acres, June 2018 - Tennessee and United States

	Tennessee				United States			
	Planted ¹		Harvested ¹		Planted ¹		Harvested ¹	
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 ² (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 ² (1,000 acres)
Corn	750	780	710	730	90,167	89,128	82,703	81,770
Cotton ⁴	345	350	340	--	12,613	13,518	11,100	--
Soybeans	1,690	1,750	1,660	1,720	90,142	89,557	89,522	88,862
Wheat, Winter ³	370	390	275	295	32,696	32,732	25,291	24,831
Hay:								
All	--	--	1,715	1,818	--	--	53,784	55,068
Alfalfa	--	--	15	18	--	--	16,563	17,351
Other, All	--	--	1,700	1,800	--	--	37,221	37,717
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Tobacco:								
All	--	--	21,100	17,300	--	--	321,470	303,680
Burley	--	--	12,000	9,000	--	--	81,500	69,800
Dark Fire-Cured	--	--	7,500	6,800	--	--	19,270	18,080
Dark Air-Cured	--	--	1,600	1,500	--	--	7,600	7,500

¹ Commodities with planted or harvested estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁴U.S. acreage includes American Pima cotton.