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2013 TENNESSEE COTTON ACREAGE EXPECTED TO BE LOWEST IN THIRTY YEARS

NASHVILLE, March 28, 2013 –Tennessee farmers have just revealed their planting intentions for 2013. According to a USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service report, less acreage is planned to be devoted to corn, cotton, tobacco and hay, but significantly more to soybeans. Cotton acreage is forecast at its lowest level in thirty years; while, soybean acreage is expected to rise to the highest amount since 2010. State Statistician, Debra Kenerson, commented, “The March 1 survey results are our first look at what farmers intend to grow this upcoming year. Right now, we are seeing farmers plan adjustments to their crop acreage mix in order to take advantage of market conditions. Farmers may change this snapshot picture of planting intentions based on changes to market prices, weather and other forces between now and planting time later this spring.”

The March 1 survey showed the following results: **corn** acreage, down 7 percent from last year to 970,000 acres; **soybeans**, up 8 percent to 1.36 million acres; **cotton** 280,000 acres, down 26 percent; **burley tobacco** down 12 percent; and **hay** down to 1.63 million acres; **wheat** seedings last fall totaled 550,000 acres, up 31 percent from previous year.

Planted Acreage, Tennessee and United States, 2011-2012 and Intended 2013

Crop	2011	2012	2013 ¹	2013/2012	2011	2012	2013 ¹	2013/2012
	Tennessee				United States			
	1,000 Acres		Percent		1,000 Acres		Percent	
Corn	790	1,040	970	93	91,936	97,155	97,282	100
Cotton, all	495	380	280	74	14,735.4	12,315.4	10,026.0	81
Hay ²	1,880	1,765	1,625	92	55,653	56,260	56,419	100
Soybeans	1,290	1,260	1,360	108	75,046	77,198	77,126	100
Tobacco, all ²	22.0	23.9	21.9	92	325.0	336.2	349.6	104
Dark air-cured	1.1	1.0	1.0	100	5.5	5.2	5.0	96
Burley	14.0	16.0	14.0	88	88.9	101.4	103.1	102
Dark fired-cured	6.90	6.90	6.90	100	16.40	16.28	16.68	102
Winter Wheat	420	420	550	131	40,646	41,324	41,988	102

¹ Intended for 2013. ² Acres for harvest.

U.S. SUMMARY

Corn growers intend to plant 97.3 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013, up slightly from last year and 6 percent higher than in 2011. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1936 when an estimated 102 million acres were planted.

Soybean planted area for 2013 is estimated at 77.1 million acres, down slightly from last year but the fourth highest on record, if realized. Compared with 2012, planted area is down across the Great Plains with the exception of North Dakota. Nebraska and Minnesota are expecting the largest declines compared with last year, while Illinois and North Dakota are expecting the largest increases.

All **wheat** planted area for 2013 is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2012. The 2013 winter wheat planted area, at 42.0 million acres, is 2 percent above last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 28.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 9.67 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.39 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2013 is expected to total 12.7 million acres, up 3 percent from 2012. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2013 is estimated at 1.75 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.

All **cotton** planted area for 2013 is expected to total 10.0 million acres, 19 percent below last year. Upland area is expected to total 9.82 million acres, down 19 percent from 2012. American Pima area is expected to total 206,000 acres, down 14 percent from 2012.

Tobacco: United States all **tobacco** area for harvest in 2013 is estimated at 349,630 acres, up 4 percent from 2012. Increases in flue-cured, fire-cured, light air-cured, and cigar-types offset a decrease in dark-air cured. Flue-cured tobacco, at 218,000 acres, is 6 percent above 2012. Flue-cured tobacco accounts for 62 percent of this year’s total tobacco acreage. Total light air-cured tobacco type area, at 105,100 acres, is up 1 percent from a year ago. Burley tobacco, at 103,100 acres, is 2 percent above last year. Fire-cured tobacco, at 16,680 acres, is up 2 percent from 2012. Dark air-cured tobacco, at 5,000 acres, is down 4 percent from last year.

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