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March 1 Planting Intentions Indicate Record Low Burley Tobacco Harvested Acreage

Farmers in Tennessee intend to plant 850,000 acres of **corn**, 110,000 acres more than 2018. U.S. corn growers intend to plant 92.8 million acres for all purposes in 2019, down 4 from last year and 3 percent from 2017.

Soybean acreage in Tennessee was expected to total 1.50 million acres, down 200,000 acres from the previous year. U.S. soybean planted area for 2019 is estimated at 84.6 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage to be planted in Tennessee is forecast at 360,000, unchanged from 2018. The U.S. total upland cotton acreage is estimated at 13.5 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Burley tobacco growers in Tennessee intend to set 3,700 acres for harvest, down 1,600 acres from 2018. For the burley producing states, growers intend to set 53,800 acres, down 7,250 acres from last year.

Producers intend to set 6,500 acres of **dark-fired tobacco** in Tennessee, down 1,100 acres from the previous year. Acreage set to **dark-air tobacco** was estimated at 1,900 acres, down 900 acres from 2018.

Winter wheat seeded by Tennessee farmers in the fall of 2018 totaled 300,000 acres, down 80,000 acres from previous year. Seeded acreage for the nation was 31.5 million acres, down 3 from 2017.

Farmers in the state intend to harvest 1.68 million acres of **all hay**, down 40,000 acres from 2018. U.S. farmers intend on harvesting 53.1 million acres of hay in 2019, up slightly from last year.