

Tenn. Farmers Express Early Plans For ‘09

NASHVILLE, TENN. According to a recent survey of producers conducted by the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, farmers have given a preliminary snapshot of their planting intentions for this upcoming year. Soybean acreage is projected to decline slightly to 1.46 million acres, similar to last year's 1.49 million acre crop. Winter wheat acreage is projected to decrease to 380,000 acres, marking the largest one year

decline since 1985. "Producers have some challenging decisions to make this spring as they adjust their crop mixes in response to commodity price outlook," State Director Debra Kenerson commented. She continued, "There seems to be more uncertainty this spring than normal due to decreases in some commodity prices compared to March a year ago. As a result, producers' intentions as of March 1 could change, as prices, weather conditions, and other factors dictate." Δ



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