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Report: KS Farmers Plant More Corn, Soybeans

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - A new government report shows Kansas growers planted this spring more of their fields into corn and soybeans, and put in fewer acres of sorghum.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service said Thursday that Kansas farmers planted 4.8 million acres in corn, an increase of 16 percent compared to a year ago. About 95 percent were biotechnology varieties.

Also up in the state are soybean acres. The agency said Kansas had 4.15 million acres seeded in soybeans, an increase of 6 percent compared to last year.

Plantings this spring of sorghum are down 7 percent to 3.15 million acres.

Sunflower plantings plummeted 35 percent, down to 55,000 acres.

Kansas farmers are now harvesting the 8.5 million acres of winter wheat seeded last fall.

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