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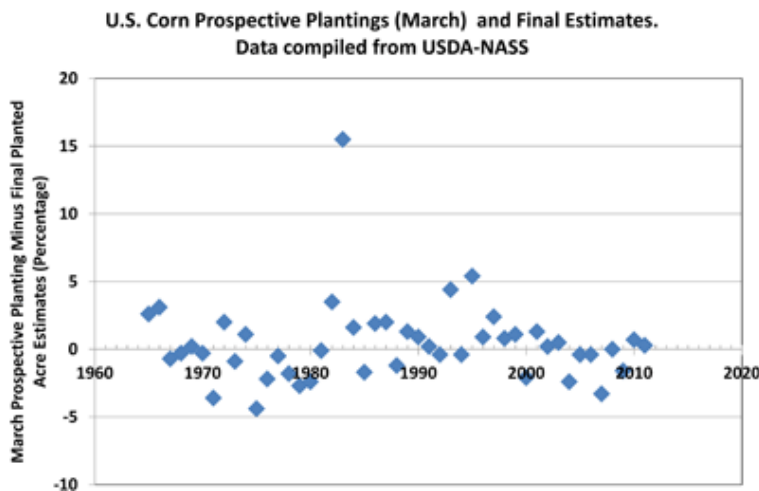
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These numbers of course may change between now and planting. Historically, although the U.S. numbers shift by up to a 15 percent overestimate - as they did in the drought year of 1983, they typically range within 5 percent of the final estimates (see figure). Recently though the prospective plantings estimates have matched final numbers well. The ten year average is less than 1 percent range around the final acreage reported for each year.

Stay-tuned as corn growers adjust to planting conditions and markets as we progress through the planting season. See the ICM news for more information on the '[Best corn planting dates for Iowa.](#)'



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