

# CROPS

The crop production index in 2000 for Illinois was 133 percent of the 1977 base. Farmers harvested 23.5 million acres of crops in 2000, up from 23.4 million acres in 1999. The value of the crops produced was 5.8 billion dollars, up eight percent from 1999.

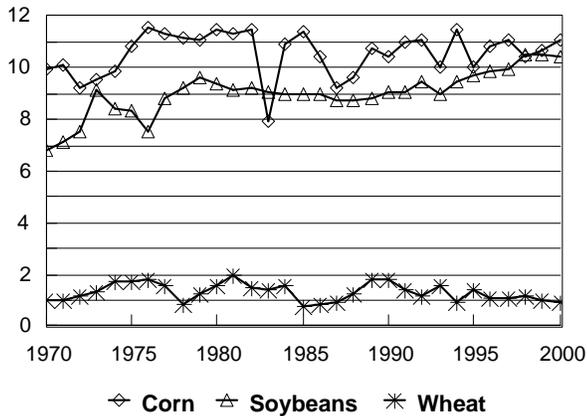
Corn production in 2000, at 1.669 billion bushels, was up 12 percent from 1999. Acreage harvested for grain in 2000 was 11.05 million acres, up 400 thousand acres from 1999. Corn yield averaged 151 bushels per acre.

Soybean production in 2000, at 459.8 million bushels, was up four percent from 1999. Soybean yield averaged 44.0 bushels per acre compared to 42.0 bushels per acre in 1999. Harvested acreage totaled 10.45 million acres, down from the record acreage harvested in 1998 and 1999 of 10.55 million acres.

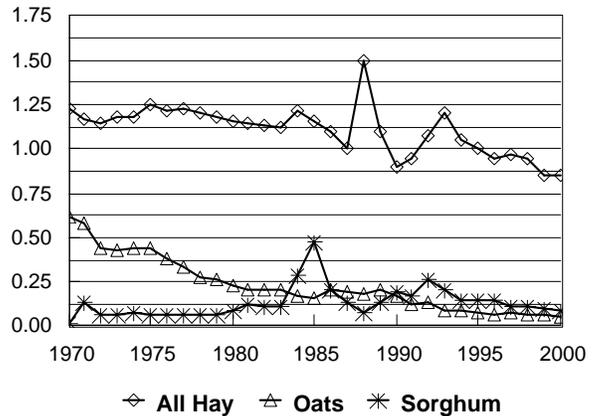
Wheat acreage harvested decreased nine percent from 1999 to 920 thousand acres in 2000. Production, at 52.4 million bushels in 2000, was down 13 percent from 1999. Wheat yield in 2000 was 57.0 bushels per acre, down three bushels from the yield set in 1999.

Production of sorghum for grain in 2000 was 8.1 million bushels, down 12 percent from the 1999 production of 9.2 million bushels. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 85 thousand acres, down 12 thousand acres from the previous year. The average grain yield in 2000 was 95 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous years' yield.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



**OTHER CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



**CROPS: Record highs through 2000, Illinois**

Crops	Unit	Date series began	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
			Year	Acres	Year	Yield	Year	Production
				Thousands				Thousands
Corn for grain	Bushels	1924	1976	11,590	1994	156	1994	1,786,200
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	1998/1999	10,550	1994	45.5	1998	464,200
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	1931	1985	470	1992	103	1985	36,190
Wheat	Bushels	1866	1919	4,103	1997	61	1989	105,020
Oats	Bushels	1866	1925	4,855	1989	80	1917	207,000
All hay	Tons	1912	1940	3,523	1990	3.72	1956	5,065