

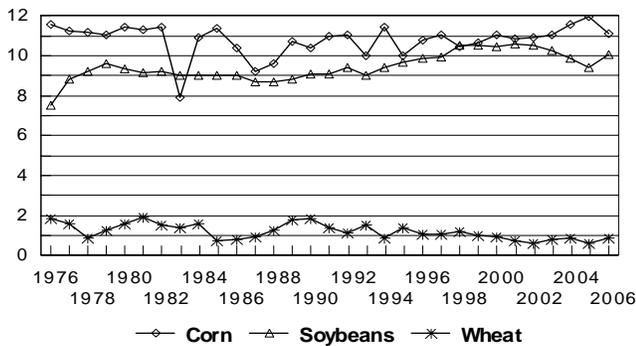
CROPS

Planting of 11.3 million acres of corn in 2006 got off to a slow start, with most of the state's corn crop planted during the last two weeks of April. Hot, humid conditions during the last few weeks of July had the corn crop advancing in maturity at a quick pace. Harvest conditions were generally good across the state during the first half of October before turning cooler and wetter during the latter part of the month, as 11.15 million acres ended up being harvested for grain. The value of the 2006 corn crop was 6.09 billion dollars, 71 percent more than the previous year.

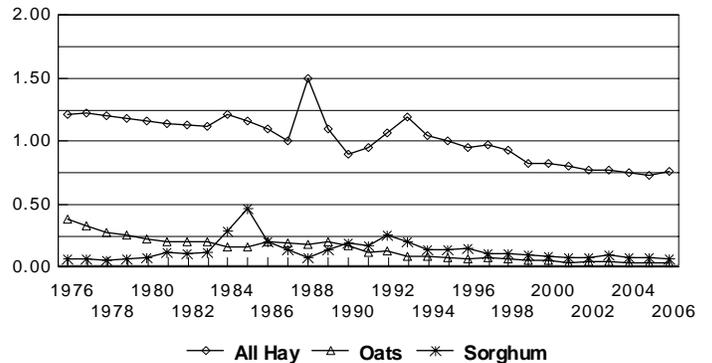
Soybean planting got off to a slow start due to cool and wet weather. Planting of 10.1 million acres was virtually complete by the beginning of June. The growing season started off dry but turned favorably moist. Cooler and wetter than normal weather delayed harvest only slightly. The value of the 2006 soybean crop was 3.09 billion dollars, 22 percent above the 2005 crop.

Winter wheat acreage for 2006 totaled 930 thousand seeded, 48 percent more than the previous year. The value of the wheat crop was 77 percent above the previous year at 210 million dollars. Acreage seeded to oats in 2006 was 60 thousand, unchanged from 2005. The oat crop was valued at 5.85 million dollars, virtually unchanged from 2005. Acreage planted to sorghum in 2006 was 75 thousand, down 12 percent from the previous year. Sorghum value was 28 percent above 2005 reaching 18.7 million dollars. Harvested acreage of hay in 2006 was 760 thousand, four percent more than 2005. The hay crop was valued at 233 million dollars.

PRINCIPAL CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



OTHER CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



CROPS: Record highs through 2006, Illinois

Crops	Unit	Date series began	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
			Year	Acres	Year	Yield	Year	Production
				<u>Thousands</u>				<u>Thousands</u>
Corn for grain	Bushels	1866	2005	11,950	2004	180	2004	2,088,000
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	2001	10,620	2004	50	2004	495,000
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	1931	1985	470	2004	109	1985	36,190
Wheat	Bushels	1866	1919	4,103	2006	67	1989	105,020
Oats	Bushels	1866	1925	4,855	2003	89	1917	207,000
All hay	Tons	1866	1940	3,523	1990	3.72	1956	5,065