## CROP PRODUCTION INDEX 2009

The crop production index for 2009 was down 4 points from the previous year to 145 percent of the 1977 base. Corn production totaled 2.05 billion bushels in 2009, 4 percent less than the previous year. The final yield was 174 bushels per acre, 5 bushels below the previous year's yield of 179 bushels per acre. The yield for the 2009 soybean crop was 46 bushels per acre, 1 bushel below the 2008 yield of 47 bushels per acre. Production totaled 430 million bushels, up slightly from the previous year.

The 2009 yield for sorghum for grain was 82 bushels per acre, 21 bushels below the yield in 2008. Sorghum production, at 2.95 million bushels, was down 62 percent from the previous year. The yield for the 2009 winter wheat crop was 56 bushels per acre, 8 bushels below the previous year. Total production was 45.9 million bushels, 38 percent below the 2008 production of 73.6 million bushels. The oats yield, at 65 bushels per acre, was down 5 bushels from 2008. Production of all hay in 2009 was 2.0 million tons, 7 percent above 2008. Alfalfa hay production was down 3 percent to 1.33 million tons. All other hay production increased 32 percent to 675 thousand tons. The alfalfa yield remained steady at 3.9 tons per acre, while all other hay yields increased from 1.9 to 2.5 tons per acre.

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