

## Iowa Prospective Plantings, March 1, 2005

**Corn:** Iowa farmers intend to plant 12.8 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2005. This is up 1 percent from the 12.7 million acres planted in 2004.

**Soybeans:** Producers intend to plant 10.3 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is up 1 percent from the previous year's planted acres. Only 8 percent of all farm operators in Iowa who were aware of Asian Rust indicated the disease was a factor in their planting intentions.

**Oats:** Farmers intend to plant 240,000 acres of oats for all purposes. This is 9 percent below the 220,000 acres planted in 2004.

**All Hay:** Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.50 million acres of hay, down 6 percent from last year's 1.60 million harvested acres..

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 28, with final interviews completed on March 17. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend greatly upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

## Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	----- Iowa -----				----- United States -----			
	2003	2004	Indicated 2005	2005 2004	2003	2004	Indicated 2005	2005 2004
	Thousand acres			Percent	Thousand acres			Percent
Corn, all	12,300	12,700	12,800	101	78,603	80,930	81,413	101
Oats	220	220	240	109	4,597	4,085	4,267	104
Soybeans	10,600	10,200	10,300	101	73,404	75,208	73,910	98
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	1,600	1,600	1,500	94	63,383	61,916	62,940	102
Wheat, all	25	28	25	89	62,141	59,674	58,592	98

<sup>1</sup>Acres for harvest.

## Iowa Stocks of Grain, March 1, 2005

**Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2005 totaled 1.53 billion bushels, up 31 percent from the 1.17 billion bushels on hand March 1 of last year. Of the total stocks, 65 percent were stored on-farm. The December 2004 - February 2005 disappearance totaled 514 million bushels, 7 percent above the 479 million bushels used last year.

**Soybeans** stored in all positions on March 1, 2005 totaled 289 million bushels, up 45 percent from the 199 million bushels on hand March 1, 2004. Of the total stocks, 57 percent were stored on-farm. Disappearance of soybean stocks for the December 2004 - February 2005 period was 138 million bushels, 30 percent above the 106 million bushels used last year.

## Stocks of Grain, March 1, Iowa and United States

Position and grain	----- Iowa -----			----- United States -----		
	Mar. 1 2004	Mar. 1 2005	Percent of previous year	Mar. 1 2004	Mar. 1 2005	Percent of previous year
	Thousand bushels		Percent	Thousand bushels		Percent
<b>Total Stocks</b>						
Corn	1,168,611	1,533,373	131	5,271,459	6,753,738	128
Soybeans	199,153	289,142	145	905,847	1,380,974	152
Oats	9,275	8,917	96	95,014	82,526	87
Wheat	*	*		1,020,617	981,014	96

<sup>1</sup>Includes stocks at interior mills, elevators, terminals, warehouses, and processors. \* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## Soybean: Asian Rust Awareness and Impact, Selected States & U.S. March 2005

State	Have you seen, read, or heard any info about the disease?						Was Asian Rust a factor in your planting intentions?			
	All Farms			Farms Reporting Soybean Intentions			Yes	If so, how did your intentions change?		
	Yes	No	Don't Know	Yes	No	Don't Know		Increase	Decrease	No Change
	-----Percent-----			-----Percent-----				-----Percent-----		
IL	89	9	2	98	2	*	12	4	58	38
IN	62	32	6	81	18	1	8	7	48	45
IA	87	6	7	94	2	4	8	10	49	41
MN	59	33	8	82	13	5	7	13	56	31
MO	62	31	7	93	6	1	5	8	28	64
NE	86	13	1	96	3	1	8	17	43	40
SD	76	20	4	95	5	*	8	5	71	24
U.S.	43	51	6	89	8	3	6	7	53	40

\*Data rounds to less than 0.5 percent