

CROPS

The crop production index in 2001 for Illinois was 134 percent of the 1977 base. Farmers harvested 23.2 million acres of crops in 2001, down from 23.5 million acres in 2000. The value of the crops produced was 5.9 billion dollars, up one percent from 2000.

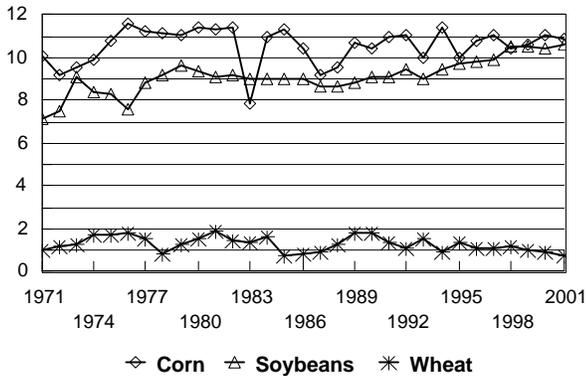
Corn production in 2001, at 1.649 billion bushels, was down one percent from 2000. Acreage harvested for grain in 2001 was 10.85 million acres, down 200 thousand acres from 2000. Corn yield averaged 152 bushels per acre.

Soybean production in 2001, was a record 477.9 million bushels, was up four percent from 2000. Soybean yield averaged 45.0 bushels per acre compared to 44.0 bushels per acre in 2000. Harvested acreage totaled a record 10.62 million acres, up from the previous record acreage harvested in 1998 and 1999 of 10.55 million acres.

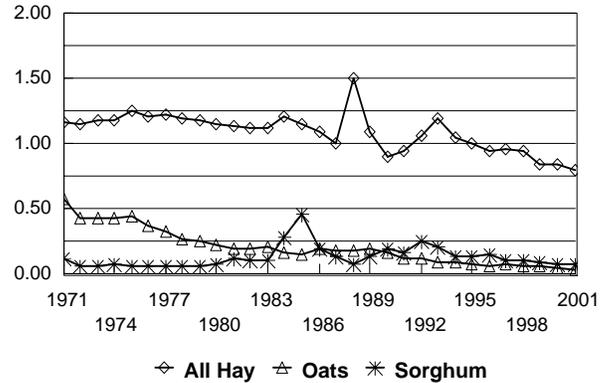
Wheat acreage harvested decreased 22 percent from 2000 to 720 thousand acres in 2001. Production, at 43.9 million bushels in 2001, was down 16 percent from 2000. Wheat yield in 2001 was a record 61.0 bushels per acre, up four bushels from the yield set in 2000.

Production of sorghum for grain in 2001 was 8.1 million bushels, virtually unchanged from the 2000 production. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 77 thousand acres, down eight thousand acres from the previous year. The average grain yield in 2001 was a record 105 bushels per acre, up ten bushels from the previous years' yield.

PRINCIPAL CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



OTHER CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



CROPS: Record highs through 2001, 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	1924	1976	11,590	1994	156	1994	1,786,200
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	2001	10,620	1994	45.5	2001	477,900
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	1931	1985	470	2001	105	1985	36,190
Wheat	Bushels	1866	1919	4,103	1997/2001	61	1989	105,020
Oats	Bushels	1866	1925	4,855	1989/2001	80	1917	207,000
All hay	Tons	1912	1940	3,523	1990	3.72	1956	5,065