

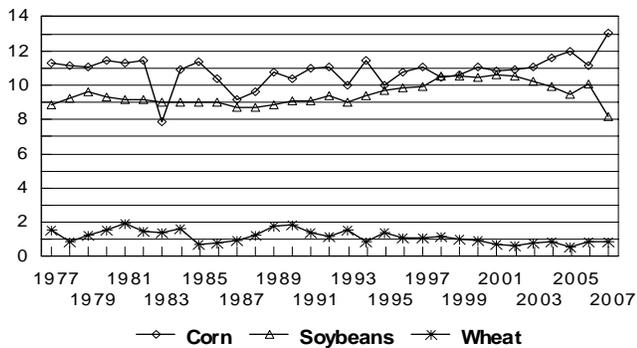
CROPS

Planting of a record 13.2 million acres of corn in 2007 got off to a slow start due to cold, wet conditions, with most of the state's corn crop planted during the last week of April and the first week of May. Hot, humid conditions during the last few weeks of July had the corn crop advancing in maturity at a quick pace. Harvest began in late August as hot, dry conditions persisted through harvest. The value of the 2007 corn crop was 9.25 billion dollars, 66 percent more than the previous year.

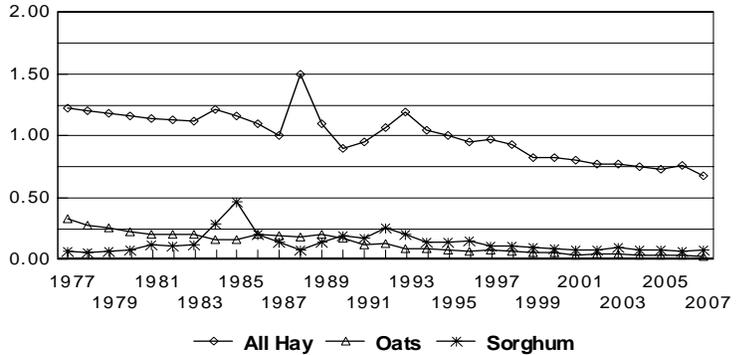
Soybean planting got off to a slow start due to cool and wet weather. Planting of 8.2 million acres was virtually complete by the beginning of June. The growing season started off dry, but timely rains were received across most of the state, except for southern Illinois. Through most of harvest, the weather conditions were drier and warmer than normal. The value of the 2007 soybean crop was 3.85 billion dollars, 20 percent above the 2006 crop.

Winter wheat acreage for 2007 totaled one million acres seeded, 8 percent more than the previous year. The value of the wheat crop was 33 percent above the previous year at 276 million dollars. Acreage seeded to oats in 2007 was 35 thousand, down 42 percent from 2006. The oat crop was valued at 4.57 million dollars, down 20 percent from 2006. Acreage planted to sorghum in 2007 was 80 thousand, up seven percent from the previous year. Sorghum value was 26 percent above 2006, reaching 24.3 million dollars. Harvested acreage of hay in 2007 was 680 thousand, 11 percent less than 2006. The hay crop was valued at 234.7 million dollars.

PRINCIPAL CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



OTHER CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



CROPS: Record highs through 2007, Illinois

Crops	Unit	Date series began	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
			Year	Acres	Year	Yield	Year	Production
			Thousands				Thousands	
Corn for grain	Bushels	1866	2007	13,050	2004	180	2007	2,283,750
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