

CROP PRODUCTION INDEX 2008

The crop production index for 2008 was up 3 points from the previous year to 149 percent of the 1977 base. Corn production totaled 2.13 billion bushels in 2008, seven percent less than the previous year. The final yield was 179 bushels per acre, four bushels above the previous year's yield of 175 bushels per acre. The yield for the 2008 soybean crop was 47 bushels per acre, 3.5 bushels above the 2007 yield of 43.5 bushels per acre. Production totaled 428 million bushels, 19 percent above the previous year.

The 2008 yield for sorghum for grain was 103 bushels per acre, 22 bushels above the yield in 2007. Sorghum production, at 7.83 million bushels, was up 26 percent from the previous year. The yield for the 2008 winter wheat crop was 64 bushels per acre, nine bushels above the previous year. Total production was 73.6 million bushels, 50 percent above the 2007 production of 49 million bushels. The oats yield, at 70 bushels per acre, was up eight bushels from 2007. Production of all hay in 2008 was 1.88 million tons, two percent below 2007. Alfalfa hay production was down three percent to 1.37 million tons. All other hay production increased one percent to 513 thousand tons. The alfalfa yield increased from 3.7 to 3.9 tons per acre, while all other hay yields increased from 1.7 to 1.9 tons per acre.

CROP PRODUCTION INDEX, 1976-2008

Year	Index 1/	Year	Index 1/	Year	Index 1/
1976	95	1987	99	1998	127
1977	100	1988	66	1999	124
1978	97	1989	110	2000	133
1979	114	1990	109	2001	134
1980	92	1991	99	2002	124
1981	113	1992	128	2003	129
1982	115	1993	112	2004	156
1983	66	1994	136	2005	132
1984	97	1995	102	2006	143
1985	120	1996	118	2007	146
1986	112	1997	121	2008	149

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