

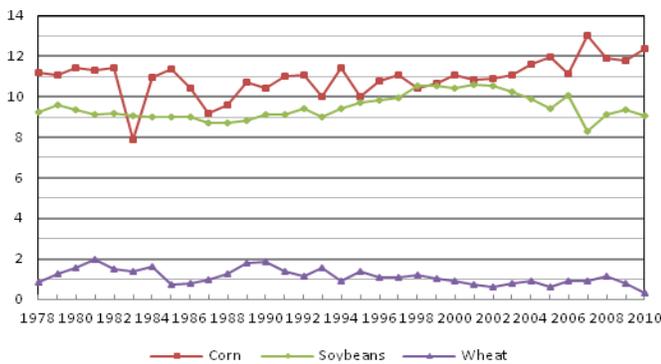
# CROPS

Planting of 12.6 million acres of corn in 2010 got underway in the middle of April and progressed rapidly reaching 87 percent complete by May 2. Well above normal temperatures during most of June, July, and August pushed the crop to maturity near the record pace of 2007. By October 3 harvest had reached 74 percent complete. Harvest was nearly complete by October 25 at 97 percent. The value of the 2010 corn crop was 10.7 billion dollars, 48 percent more than the previous year.

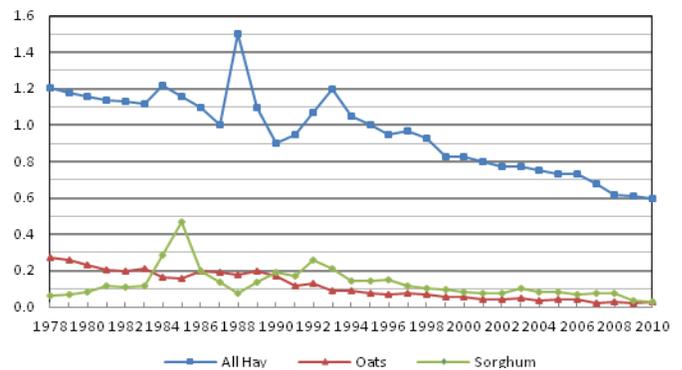
Soybean acres planted in 2010 were down 300 thousand from 2009 to 9.1 million acres. The final yield for the 2010 soybean crop was a record 51.5 bushels per acre, 5.5 bushels above the 2009 yield. This year's yield eclipses the previous record yield of 50 bushels per acre set in 2004. Production in 2010 reached 466 million bushels, up 8 percent from 2009. Soybean harvest progress was one of the fastest on record. The value of the 2010 soybean crop was 5.78 billion dollars, 37 percent above the 2009 crop.

Wheat acreage seeded in the fall of 2009 was 330 thousand acres, down 520 thousand acres from 2009, making this the lowest planted acreage on record. The value of the wheat crop was 50 percent below the previous year at 92.5 million dollars. Acreage seeded to oats in 2010 was 45 thousand, up 13 percent from 2009. The oat crop was valued at 6.24 million dollars, up 32 percent from 2009. Acreage planted to sorghum in 2010 was 35 thousand, down 12 percent from 2009. Sorghum value was 64 percent above 2009, increasing to 18.6 million dollars. Harvested acreage of hay in 2010 was 600 thousand, 2 percent less than 2009. The hay crop was valued at 223 million dollars.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



**OTHER CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



## CROPS: Record highs through 2010, 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	1866	2007	13,050	2004	180	2007	2,283,750
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	2001	10,620	2010	51.5	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