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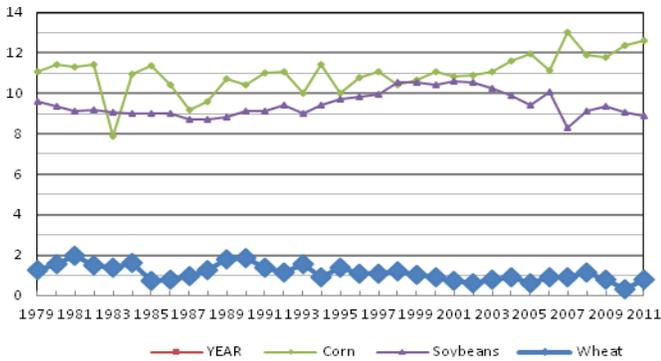
Planting of the 12.6 million acre corn crop of 2011 had a slow start due to excessive rainfall in many areas of the state and was behind schedule until mid May, when the weather broke and producers were able to plant twenty five percent of the corn crop in one week between May 13 and May 20. The late start did not seem to slow down progress of the crop as well above normal temperatures during most of June, July, and August pushed the crop to maturity ahead of the five year average. By October 21, the crop was 75 percent harvested, compared to the five year average of 62 percent for the same timeframe. The value of the 2011 corn crop was 12.26 billion dollars, 20 percent more than the previous year.

Soybean acres planted in 2011 were down 200 thousand from 2010 to 8.9 million acres. The final yield for the 2011 soybean crop was 47 bushels per acre, 4.5 below the record yield of 2010. Production in 2011 reached 416 million bushels, down 11 percent from the 2010 production. This year's soybean harvest progress had a slow start to it but progressed rapidly, with 96 percent of the crop harvested by the first week of November. The value of the 2011 soybean crop was 4.96 billion dollars, 10 percent less than the 2010 crop.

Wheat acreage seeded in the fall of 2010 was 800 thousand acres, up 470 thousand acres from 2009 seedings. The value of the 2011 wheat crop was 303.3 million dollars. This is 234 percent higher than 2010. Acreage seeded to oats in 2011 was 30 thousand, down 33 percent from 2010. The oat crop was valued at 4.56 million dollars, down 23 percent from 2010. Acreage planted to sorghum in 2011 was 22 thousand, down 13 thousand from 2010. Sorghum value was 41 percent below 2010, decreasing to 10.9 million dollars. Harvested acreage of hay in 2011 was 540 thousand 60 thousand acres t less than 2010. The hay crop was valued at 219.4 million dollars.

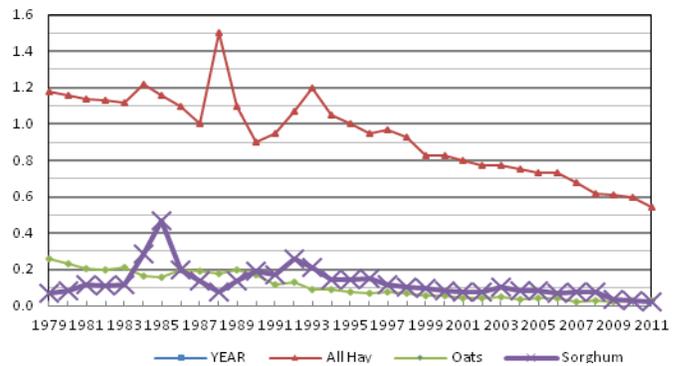
PRINCIPAL CROPS

Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



OTHER CROPS

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CROPS: Record highs through 2011, 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	