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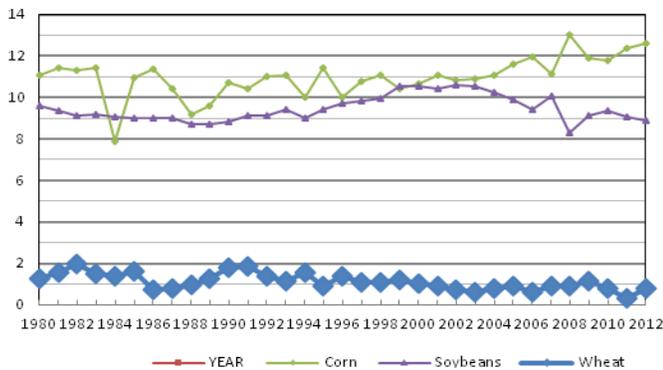
Planting of the 12.8 million acre corn crop of 2012 had a fast start and was ahead of schedule by the first week of May. Corn planting progress reached 82 percent statewide on May 1. However, the rest of the summer months seemed to be a struggle as it was a hot and dry summer. Even so, by October 21, the crop was 92 percent harvested, compared to the five year average of 62 percent for the same timeframe. The value of the 2012 corn crop was 9.33 billion dollars, 23 percent less than the previous year.

Soybean acres harvested in 2012 were up 10 thousand from 2011 to 8.92 million acres. The final yield for the 2012 soybean crop was 43 bushels per acre, 8.5 below the record yield of 2010. Production in 2012 reached 383 million bushels, down 9 percent from the 2011 production. The value of the 2012 soybean crop was 5.60 billion dollars, 3 percent greater than the 2011 crop.

Wheat acreage seeded for the 2012 crop was 660 thousand acres, down 140 thousand acres from 2011 seedings. The value of the 2012 wheat crop was 284.4 million dollars. This is 7 percent less than 2011. Acreage seeded to oats in 2012 was 30 thousand, constant with 2011. The oat crop was valued at 6.31 million dollars, up 14 percent from 2011. Acreage planted to sorghum in 2012 was 30 thousand, up 8 thousand from 2011. Sorghum value was 3 percent greater in 2012, increasing to 11.1 million dollars. Harvested acreage of hay in 2012 was 580 thousand, 40 thousand acres greater than 2011. The hay crop was valued at 223.8 million dollars.

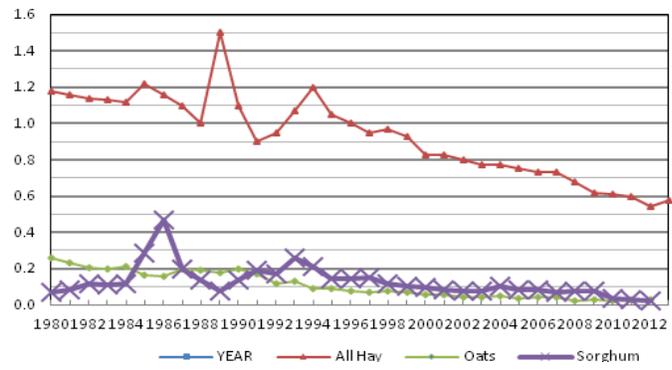
PRINCIPAL CROPS

Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



OTHER CROPS

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CROPS: Record highs through 2012, 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