



# Illinois Prospective Plantings

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**Corn** growers intend to plant 11.7 million acres in 2015, down 2 percent from 2014. If realized this would be the lowest acreage of corn planted since 2006. **Soybean** planted area is expected to total 9.90 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Sorghum** planted area is expected to total 40,000 acres, up 74 percent from 2014. **Winter wheat** area seeded last fall is estimated at 600,000 acres, down 19 percent from the previous year. Area planted to **oats** is expected to total 40,000 acres, up 14 percent from 2014. Producers intend to harvest 510,000 acres of **all hay** in 2015, down 2 percent from last year.

## Crop Area Planted – Illinois: 2013-2015

Crop	2013	2014	2015	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn .....	12,000	11,900	11,700	98
Soybeans .....	9,500	9,800	9,900	101
Sorghum .....	23	23	40	174
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	880	740	600	81
Oats .....	40	35	40	114
All Hay <sup>2</sup> .....	660	520	510	98

<sup>1</sup> Area planted in preceding fall.

<sup>2</sup> Area harvested in 2013 and 2014. Intended area harvested in 2015 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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