



Illinois Prospective Plantings

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Corn growers intend to plant 12.1 million acres in 2016, up 3 percent from 2015. **Soybean** planted area is expected to total 10.0 million acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. **Sorghum** planted area is expected to total 25,000 acres, down 34 percent from 2015. **Winter wheat** area seeded last fall is estimated at 560,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. Area planted to **oats** is expected to total 30,000 acres, down 25 percent from 2015. Producers intend to harvest 480,000 acres of **all hay** in 2016, down 2 percent from last year.

Crop Area Planted – Illinois: 2014-2016

Crop	2014 (1,000 acres)	2015 (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	Percent of previous year (percent)
Corn	11,900	11,700	12,100	103
Soybeans	9,800	9,800	10,000	102
Sorghum	23	38	25	66
Winter Wheat ¹	740	540	560	104
Oats	35	40	30	75
All Hay ²	520	490	480	98

¹ Area planted in preceding fall.

² Area harvested in 2014 and 2015. Intended area harvested in 2016 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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