



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 11.7 million acres, unchanged from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 11.5 million acres, is also unchanged from 2015. Based on August 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 200 bushels per acre, up 25 bushels from 2015. Production is forecast at 2.30 billion bushels, up 14 percent from last year's production. If realized this would tie the 2014 record corn yield and be the 2nd highest production on record behind 2014.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 9.90 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 9.84 million acres, is up 1 percent from 2015. Based on August 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, a 1 bushel increase from 2015. If realized, this would be the highest yield on record for the state. Production is forecast at a record setting 561 million bushels, a 3 percent increase from last year.

Winter wheat: Harvested area in 2016 is forecast at 520,000 acres, the same as the previous year. The winter wheat yield is forecast at a record high 75 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from 2015. Production is forecast at 39.0 million bushels, 15 percent above the previous year.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2015 and Forecasted August 1, 2016

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain ¹bushels	11,700	11,700	11,500	11,500	175.0	200.0	2,012,500	2,300,000
Soybeansbushels	9,800	9,900	9,720	9,840	56.0	57.0	544,320	560,880
Winter Wheatbushels	540	560	520	520	65.0	75.0	33,800	39,000
Oatsbushels	40	40	25	25	77.0	72.0	1,925	1,800
Alfalfa hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	230	240	3.50	4.00	805	960
All other hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	260	240	2.80	2.90	728	696
Potatoes, summercwt	7.5	8.0	6.9	7.7	380	390	2,622	3,003

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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