



# 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 October 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at record 202 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from September and up 27 bushels from 2015. Production is forecast at 2.32 billion bushels, up 1 percent from September and up 15 percent from last year's production. If realized this would be the second highest production on record behind 2014.

**Soybeans:** Planted area is estimated at 10.1 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.05 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 62 bushels per acre, a 6 bushel increase from 2015. If realized, this would be the highest yield on record for the state. Production is forecast at a record setting 623 million bushels, a 14 percent increase from last year.

**Alfalfa hay:** Harvested area, forecast at 240,000 acres, is up 4 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 4.00 tons per acre, up 0.50 ton from the previous year. Production is forecast at 960,000 tons, 19 percent above 2015.

**Other hay:** Harvested area, forecast at 240,000 acres, is down 8 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois other hay yield is forecast at 2.90 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from the previous year. Production is estimated at 696,000 tons, 4 percent below 2015.

## Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2015 and Forecasted October 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 <sup>1</sup> .....bushels	11,700	11,700	11,500	11,500	175.0	202.0	2,012,500	2,323,000
Soybeans .....bushels	9,800	10,100	9,720	10,050	56.0	62.0	544,320	623,100
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

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Area planted for all purposes.

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