



Illinois Prospective Plantings

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Corn growers intend to plant 11.3 million acres in 2017, down 3 percent from 2016. **Soybean** planted area is expected to total 10.2 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous year. **Sorghum** planted area is expected to total 15,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2016. **Winter wheat** area seeded last fall is estimated at 480,000 acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. Area planted to **oats** is expected to total 35,000 acres, down 22 percent from 2016. Producers intend to harvest 490,000 acres of **all hay** in 2017, up 2 percent from last year.

Crop Area Planted – Illinois: 2015-2017

Crop	2015 (1,000 acres)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	Percent of previous year (percent)
Corn	11,700	11,600	11,300	97
Soybeans	9,800	10,100	10,200	101
Sorghum	38	18	15	83
Winter Wheat ¹	540	520	480	92
Oats	40	45	35	78
All Hay ²	490	480	490	102

¹ Area planted in preceding fall.

² Area harvested in 2015 and 2016. Intended area harvested in 2017 as indicated by reports from farmers.

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