



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 11.10 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.95 million acres, is also down 4 percent from 2016. Based on August 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 188 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from 2016. Production is forecast at 2.06 billion bushels, down 9 percent from last year's production. If realized, this would be the third highest yield on record.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 10.40 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.34 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2016. Based on August 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, a 1 bushel decrease from 2016. Production is forecast at 600 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2016 and the highest production level on record for Illinois.

Winter wheat: Harvested area in 2017 is forecast at 490,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. The winter wheat yield is forecast at 74 bushels per acre, the same as 2016. If realized, this will tie the record high yield. Production is forecast at 36.3 million bushels, 4 percent above the previous year.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2016 and Forecasted August 1, 2017

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain ¹bushels	11,600	11,100	11,450	10,950	197.0	188.0	2,255,650	2,058,600
Soybeansbushels	10,100	10,400	10,050	10,340	59.0	58.0	592,950	599,720
Winter Wheatbushels	520	520	470	490	74.0	74.0	34,780	36,260
Oatsbushels	45	50	20	20	81.0	86.0	1,620	1,720
Alfalfa hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	230	260	3.90	3.60	897	936
All other hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	250	240	2.40	2.40	600	576
Potatoes, summercwt	7.0	7.7	6.9	7.6	380	350	2,622	2,660

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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