



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 11.20 million acres, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 11.05 million acres, is up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 3 percent from 2016. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 192 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the previous forecast but down 5 bushels from 2016. Production is forecast at 2.12 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year's production. If realized, this would be the third highest yield on record.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 10.60 million acres, up 5 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.54 million acres, is up 5 percent from 2016. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from the previous forecast and down 2 bushels from 2016. Production is forecast at 601 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2016 and the highest production level on record for Illinois.

Alfalfa hay: Harvested area, forecast at 260,000 acres, is up 13 percent from 2016. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.10 tons per acre, down 0.80 ton from the previous year. Production is forecast at 806,000 tons, 10 percent below 2016.

Other hay: Harvested area, forecast at 240,000 acres, is down 4 percent from 2016. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois other hay yield is forecast at 2.40 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous year. Production is estimated at 576,000 tons, 4 percent below 2016.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2016 and Forecasted October 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 | 11,200 | 11,450 | 11,050 | 197.0 | 192.0 | 2,255,650 | 2,121,600 |
| Soybeansbushels | 10,100 | 10,600 | 10,050 | 10,540 | 59.0 | 57.0 | 592,950 | 600,780 |
| Alfalfa hay tons | (NA) | (NA) | 230 | 260 | 3.90 | 3.10 | 897 | 806 |
| All other hay tons | (NA) | (NA) | 250 | 240 | 2.40 | 2.40 | 600 | 576 |

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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