



# Illinois Prospective Plantings

Released March 29, 2018

**Corn** growers intend to plant 11.0 million acres in 2018, down 2 percent from 2017. **Soybean** planted area is expected to total 10.6 million acres, unchanged from the previous year. **Sorghum** planted area is expected to total 22,000 acres, up 29 percent from 2017. **Winter wheat** area seeded last fall is estimated at 560,000 acres, up 12 percent from the previous year. Area planted to **oats** is expected to total 45,000 acres, up 29 percent from 2017. Producers intend to harvest 470,000 acres of **all hay** in 2018, down 4 percent from last year.

## Crop Area Planted – Illinois: 2016-2018

Crop	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	Percent of previous year (percent)
Corn .....	11,600	11,200	11,000	98
Soybeans .....	10,100	10,600	10,600	100
Sorghum .....	18	17	22	129
Winter Wheat <sup>1</sup> .....	520	500	560	112
Oats .....	45	35	45	129
All Hay <sup>2</sup> .....	480	490	470	96

<sup>1</sup> Area planted in preceding fall.

<sup>2</sup> Area harvested in 2016 and 2017. Intended area harvested in 2018 as indicated by reports from farmers.

**There’s still time to fill out and return your 2017 Census of Agriculture! If you produce or grow any agricultural products, including field crops, fruits, vegetables, floriculture, and livestock, regardless of the size of your operation, return your 2017 Census of Agriculture as soon as possible.**

**The Census of Agriculture is Your Voice. Your Future. Your Opportunity! Visit [agcensus.usda.gov](http://agcensus.usda.gov) for more information or to respond online.**

## Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the “Follow NASS” box under “Receive reports by Email,” click on “National” or “State” to select the reports you would like to receive.
- Follow us on Twitter @usda\_nass

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the Heartland Regional Field Office at (314) 595-9594 or e-mail: [nassrfohlr@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohlr@nass.usda.gov).