



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 11.00 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.85 million acres, is down 1 percent from 2017. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at a record 212 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month but up 11 bushels from 2017. Production is forecast at 2.30 billion bushels, up 5 percent from last year's production. If realized, this would be the second highest production on record.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 10.8 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.75 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2017. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at a record high 66 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from 2017. Production is forecast at 710 million bushels, up 16 percent from 2017 and the highest production level on record for Illinois.

Alfalfa hay: Harvested area, forecast at 210,000 acres, is down 5 percent from 2017. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.60 tons per acre, down 0.60 ton from the previous year. Production is forecast at 756,000 tons, 18 percent below 2017.

Other hay: Harvested area, forecast at 260,000 acres, is down 4 percent from 2017. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois other hay yield is forecast at 2.70 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from the previous year. Production is estimated at 702,000 tons, unchanged from 2017.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2017 and Forecasted October 1, 2018

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain ¹ bushels	11,200	11,000	10,950	10,850	201.0	212.0	2,200,950	2,300,200
Soybeans bushels	10,600	10,800	10,550	10,750	58.0	66.0	611,900	709,500
Alfalfa hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	220	210	4.20	3.60	924	756
All other hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	270	260	2.60	2.70	702	702

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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