



Illinois Crop Production 2018 Summary

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Corn: Planted area, at 11.00 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2017. Corn for grain was harvested on 10.85 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. The corn yield is estimated at 210 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from 2017. Production is estimated at 2.28 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year. This is a record high yield and third highest production on record.

Soybeans: Planted area, at 10.80 million acres, up 2 percent from 2017. Harvested area, at 10.75 million acres, is up 2 percent from the previous year. The soybean yield is estimated at a record high 65 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from 2017. Production is estimated at a record high 699 million bushels, up 14 percent from the previous year.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2017 and 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 ¹bushels	11,200	11,000	10,950	10,850	201.0	210.0	2,200,950	2,278,500
Corn for silage tons	(NA)	(NA)	190	100	17.0	20.0	3,230	2,000
Soybeansbushels	10,600	10,800	10,550	10,750	58.0	65.0	611,900	698,750
Sorghum for grain ¹bushels	17	18	15	16	83.0	111.0	1,245	1,776
Sorghum for silage tons	(NA)	(NA)	1	1	12.0	14.0	12	14
Winter Wheatbushels	500	600	470	560	76.0	66.0	35,720	36,960
Oatsbushels	35	40	20	25	79.0	83.0	1,580	2,075
Hay, all tons	(NA)	(NA)	490	470	3.25	2.79	1,593	1,309
Alfalfa tons	(NA)	(NA)	230	250	4.10	3.30	943	825
All other tons	(NA)	(NA)	260	220	2.50	2.20	650	484
Potatoes, summercwt	8.6	7.7	8.1	7.6	410	375	3,321	2,850

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

Sorghum: Planted area, at 18,000 acres, is up 6 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain, at 16,000 acres, is up 7 percent from 2017. The sorghum yield is estimated at 111 bushels per acre, up 28 bushels from last year. Production is estimated at 1.78 million bushels, 43 percent above the previous year.

Winter wheat: Harvested area in 2018 is estimated at 560,000 acres, up 90,000 acres from the previous year. The winter wheat yield is estimated at 66 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from 2017. Production is estimated at 37.0 million bushels, 3 percent above the previous year.

Oats: Harvested area in 2018, at 25,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from the previous year. The oat yield is estimated at 83 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from 2017. Production is estimated at 2.08 million bushels, up 31 percent from the previous year.

All hay: Harvested area, at 470,000 acres, is down 4 percent from 2017. The all hay yield is estimated at 2.79 tons per acre, down 0.46 ton from the previous year. Production is estimated at 1.31 million tons, 18 percent below 2017.

Summer potatoes: Planted area, at 7,700 acres, is down 10 percent from 2017. Harvested area, at 7,600 acres, is down 6 percent from 2017. The summer potato yield is estimated at 375 cwt per acre, down 9 percent from 2017. Production is estimated at 2.85 million cwt, down 14 percent from the previous year.

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