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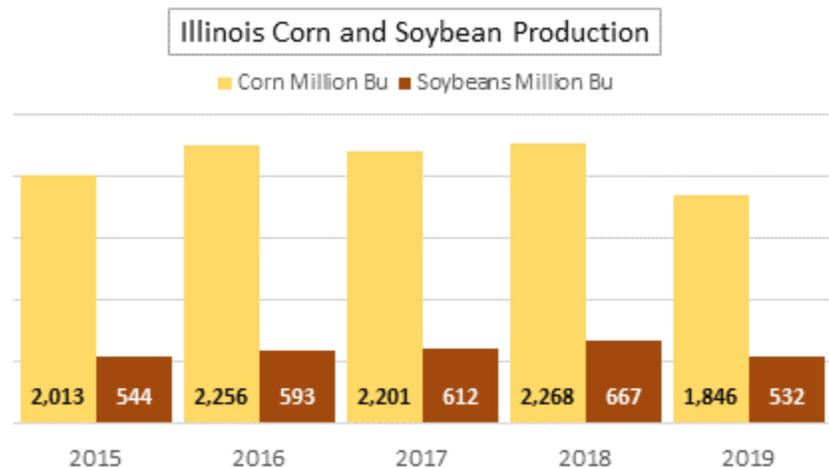
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USDA to Collect Final 2020 Crop Production and Crop Stocks Data

[Springfield, IL] November 16, 2020 – As the 2020 growing season officially comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grain and oilseeds they store on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey grain facility operators to determine year-end grain and oilseed stocks.

“These surveys are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States and year-end grain and oilseed supplies,” explained Mark Schleusener, NASS Illinois State Statistician. “Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season.”



NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the *Crop Production Annual Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports, both to be released Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

“Responses to this survey will be combined with responses to the County Ag Prod Survey and used to calculate county yields,” explained Schleusener. “Farmers who receive this survey are not included in the County Agricultural Production Survey; therefore this is their only opportunity to be included in the calculation of Illinois county yields.”

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.

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