



# News Release

## Indiana August 1 Crop Forecast

Setbacks from a wet spring followed by a near record setting rainfall during the June-July period, are reflected in lower yield expectations for 2015 field crops, according to Greg Matli, Indiana State Statistician for the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Lower planted acreage in corn, and lower yield expectations are expected to produce a smaller crop after Indiana posted two consecutive billion bushel years. Soybean yields are also expected to be lower, but the drop will be partially offset by gains in acreage. While crops have improved somewhat since waters have receded, limiting factors for the season will be nutrient depletion and shallow root development. Highlights of the August 1 Crop Production report follow:

- Indiana's average corn yield is forecast is 158 bushels per acre, down 30 bushels from the previous year. Total production is forecast at 867.4 million bushels.
- Soybean yield is forecast at 49 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from the 2014 state average yield of 56 bushels per acre. Total production is forecast at just under 279 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year.
- Winter wheat yield is estimated at 70 bushels per acre, 6 bushels below the previous year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 21.4 million bushels.
- Hay producers expect to harvest 240,000 acres of alfalfa hay with an average yield of 3.50 tons per acre. Total production is forecast at 840,000 tons, down 14 percent from last year. All other hay for harvest is expected at 330,000 tons with an average yield of 2.30 tons per acre. Total state production for all other hay is forecast at 759,000 tons, down 30 percent from the previous year.

### Crop Summary, Indiana and United States: 2013-2015

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Corn, all						
Planted .....1,000 acres	6,000	5,900	5,700	95,365	90,597	88,897
Corn, grain						
Harvested .....1,000 acres	5,830	5,770	5,490	87,451	83,136	81,101
Yield ..... Bushels	177.0	188.0	158.0	158.1	171.0	168.8
Production ..... 1,000 bu	1,031,910	1,084,760	867,420	13,828,964	14,215,532	13,686,063
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested .....1,000 acres	280	240	240	17,673	18,445	18,337
Yield ..... Tons	3.70	4.00	3.50	3.24	3.33	3.39
Production ..... 1,000 tons	1,036	960	840	57,217	61,446	62,092
Hay, other						
Harvested .....1,000 acres	360	360	330	40,224	38,647	38,202
Yield ..... Tons	2.10	2.75	2.30	1.93	2.03	2.09
Production ..... 1,000 tons	756	990	759	77,785	78,352	80,008
Soybeans						
Planted .....1,000 acres	5,200	5,500	5,700	76,840	83,701	84,339
Harvested .....1,000 acres	5,190	5,490	5,690	76,253	83,061	83,549
Yield ..... Bushels	51.5	56.0	49.0	44.0	47.8	46.9
Production ..... 1,000 bu	267,285	307,440	278,810	3,357,984	3,968,823	3,916,448
Winter Wheat						
Planted .....1,000 acres	460	390	340	43,230	42,399	40,620
Harvested .....1,000 acres	435	335	305	32,650	32,304	33,329
Yield .....bushels	73.0	76.0	70.0	47.3	42.6	43.2
Production ..... 1,000 bu	31,755	25,460	21,350	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,438,278

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