



News Release

Indiana Prospective Plantings

Indiana farmers intend to plant 6 million acres of soybeans this year, which, if realized, would be a new record, according to the Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. If these intentions are realized, acreage planted to soybeans would be up 8 percent from the previous year.

Acres intended for corn are 5.60 million acres, unchanged from last year. The 2017 winter wheat acreage seeded last fall is estimated at 260,000 acres, 21 percent below the 330,000 acres seeded the previous year. Hay acres intended for harvest, at 420,000 acres, is 16 percent below the 500,000 acres harvested the previous year.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2017 is estimated at 90.0 million acres, down 4 percent or 4.0 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2017 is estimated at a record high 89.5 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged in 27 of the 31 estimating States.

Nationally, all wheat planted area for 2017 is estimated at 46.1 million acres, down 8 percent from 2016. This represents the lowest total planted area for the United States since records began in 1919. The 2017 winter wheat planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is down 9 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.8 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.53 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.38 million acres are White Winter.

Acres by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2015 - 2017

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	5,650	5,600	5,600	88,019	94,004	89,996
Hay, all						
Harvested1,000 acres	560	500	420	54,447	53,461	52,811
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	5,550	5,650	6,000	82,650	83,433	89,482
Winter Wheat						
Planted1,000 acres	290	330	260	39,681	36,137	32,747

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