



News Release

Indiana August 1 Crop Forecast

Despite periodic heavy rainfalls throughout the growing season, farmers' expectations are for a favorable 2017 harvest, with a near-record winter wheat yield, and above average yields for all other major field crops, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician, USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. As of August 1, growth progress for both corn and soybeans were behind last year, but conditions improved with the dry weather at the end of July. Highlights of the August 1 Crop Production report follow:

- Indiana's average corn yield is forecast at 173 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous year. Total production is forecast at 929 million bushels.
- Soybean yield is forecast at 55 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from the 2016 state average yield. Total production is forecast at 324 million bushels, down less than 1 percent from last year's record high.
- Winter wheat yield is estimated at 78 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above the previous forecast but 3 bushels below last year's state record. Winter wheat production is forecast at 20.3 million bushels.
- Hay producers expect to harvest 240,000 acres of alfalfa hay with an average yield of 3.80 tons per acre. Total production is forecast at 912,000 tons, up 3 percent from last year. All other hay for harvest is expected at 330,000 tons with an average yield of 3.00 tons per acre. Total state production for all other hay is forecast at 990,000 tons, up 10 percent from the previous year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production 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	5,500	90,597	88,019	94,004
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	5,480	5,470	5,370	83,136	80,753	86,748
Yield Bushels	150.0	173.0	173.0	171.0	168.4	174.6
Production 1,000 bu	822,000	946,310	929,010	14,215,532	13,601,964	15,148,038
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested1,000 acres	230	210	240	18,395	17,778	16,885
Yield Tons	3.90	4.20	3.80	3.34	3.32	3.45
Production 1,000 tons	897	882	912	61,451	58,974	58,263
Hay, other						
Harvested1,000 acres	330	290	330	38,667	36,669	36,576
Yield Tons	2.30	3.10	3.00	2.03	2.06	2.09
Production 1,000 tons	759	899	990	78,472	75,528	76,518
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	5,550	5,650	5,900	83,276	82,650	83,433
Harvested1,000 acres	5,500	5,640	5,890	82,591	81,732	82,736
Yield Bushels	50.0	57.5	55.0	47.5	48.0	52.1
Production 1,000 bu	275,000	324,300	323,950	3,927,090	3,926,339	4,306,671
Winter Wheat						
Planted1,000 acres	290	330	290	42,409	39,681	36,137
Harvested1,000 acres	260	280	260	32,299	32,346	30,222
Yieldbushels	68.0	81.0	78.0	42.6	42.5	55.3
Production 1,000 bu	17,680	22,680	20,280	1,377,216	1,374,690	1,671,532

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