



News Release

Indiana September 1 Crop Forecast

Although mostly dry conditions persisted through most of August, the cooler temperatures kept soybeans in good shape for the upcoming harvest, which is forecasted to have record high production, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician for the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. “What would have been a phenomenal year for corn ten years ago now seems average. Circumstances haven’t lined up this year like they did in 2013 and 2014. And, corn condition ratings this year are below last year,” stated Matli. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

- Indiana’s corn yield is forecast at 171 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from 2016 and from the August forecast. Total production is forecast at 918 million bushels, down 3 percent from a year ago.
- Soybean yield in Indiana is forecast at 56 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from last year’s record high yield, but up 1 bushel from last month. Total production is forecast at 330 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year and also a new record for the State.
- Nationally, corn production is forecast at 14.2 billion bushels, down 6 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the August forecast. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 169.9 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from the August forecast but down 4.7 bushels from 2016. If realized, this will be the third highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.5 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 4 percent from 2016.
- U.S. soybean production is forecast at a record 4.43 billion bushels, up 1 percent from August and up 3 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 49.9 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from last month but down 2.2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record high 88.7 million acres, unchanged from August but up 7 percent from 2016.

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	88,019	94,004	90,886
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	5,480	5,470	5,370	80,753	86,748	83,496
Yield Bushels	150.0	173.0	171.0	168.4	174.6	169.9
Production 1,000 bu	822,000	946,310	918,270	13,601,964	15,148,038	14,184,466
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	5,550	5,650	5,900	82,650	83,433	89,513
Harvested1,000 acres	5,500	5,640	5,890	81,732	82,736	88,731
Yield Bushels	50.0	57.5	56.0	48.0	52.1	49.9
Production 1,000 bu	275,000	324,300	329,840	3,926,339	4,306,671	4,431,043

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