



News Release

Indiana August 1 Crop Forecast

Despite a wet and cold spring that delayed planting, Indiana farmers anticipate harvesting excellent crops of corn and soybeans, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician, USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. If realized, the forecasted yield will be the second highest on record for corn and the highest on record for soybeans. As of August 1, the corn and soybean crop was more phenologically advanced than both last year and the 5 year average. Rainfall has been adequate in most areas of the State with few fields showing drought stress. Highlights from the August 1 Crop Production report follow:

- Indiana's average corn yield is forecast at 186 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the previous year. Total production is forecast at 915 million bushels.
- Soybean yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from the 2017 State average yield. Total production is forecast at 358 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year.
- Winter wheat yield is estimated at 71 bushels per acre, 5 bushels below the previous forecast and 3 bushels below last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 18.1 million bushels.
- Hay producers expect to harvest 290,000 acres of alfalfa hay with an average yield of 3.7 tons per acre. Total production is forecast at 1.07 million tons, up 20 percent from last year. All other hay production is forecast at 748,000 tons with an average yield of 2.2 tons per acre.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	5,600	5,350	5,100	94,004	90,167	89,128
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	5,470	5,190	4,920	86,748	82,703	81,770
Yield Bushels	173.0	180.0	186.0	174.6	176.6	178.4
Production 1,000 bu	946,310	934,200	915,120	15,148,038	14,604,067	14,586,485
Hay, alfalfa						
Harvested1,000 acres	210	270	290	16,885	16,563	17,351
Yield Tons	4.20	3.30	3.70	3.45	3.32	3.33
Production 1,000 tons	882	891	1,073	58,263	55,068	57,778
Hay, other						
Harvested1,000 acres	290	310	340	36,596	37,221	37,717
Yield Tons	3.10	2.40	2.20	2.10	2.05	1.88
Production 1,000 tons	899	744	748	76,732	76,387	70,726
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	5,650	5,950	6,200	83,433	90,142	89,557
Harvested1,000 acres	5,630	5,940	6,180	82,696	89,522	88,862
Yield Bushels	57.5	54.0	58.0	52.0	49.1	51.6
Production 1,000 bu	323,725	320,760	358,440	4,296,086	4,391,553	4,585,916
Winter Wheat						
Planted1,000 acres	330	290	310	36,152	32,696	32,732
Harvested1,000 acres	280	240	255	30,237	25,291	24,816
Yieldbushels	81.0	74.0	71.0	55.3	50.2	47.9
Production 1,000 bu	22,680	17,760	18,105	1,672,582	1,269,437	1,189,199

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