Indiana farmers continue to anticipate record high corn and soybean yields this year, according to Nathanial Warenski, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana farmers anticipate harvesting 5.25 million acres of corn, unchanged from last year and 5.69 million acres of soybeans, up 10 thousand acres from last year.

Favorable temperatures coupled with adequate precipitation pushed predicted average Indiana corn yields up 3 bushels from last month to 197 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be 10 bushels per acre more than last year and an all time high. As of August 29, Indiana corn was 8 percent mature, on par with the 5-year average. Indiana soybean yield is forecasted at 60 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month. If realized, this too will be a record yield. As of August 29, nine percent of Indiana soybeans were dropping leaves, 2 points more than the 5-year average.

Nationally, the forecasted 2021 U.S. corn crop, at 15.0 billion bushels, is forecast to be the second highest production on record for the United States. The forecasted yield, at 176.3 bushels per acre, is up 3 percent from last year’s final estimate of 172.0 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be the third highest yield on record for the United States. Record high yields are forecast in California, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania.

The 2021 U.S. soybean crop, at 4.37 billion bushels, is forecast to be the third highest production on record for the United States. The forecasted yield, at 50.6 bushels per acre, is up less than 1 percent from last year’s final estimate of 50.2 bushels per acre. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record for the United States. Record high yields are forecast in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

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