



PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

The annual *Prospective Plantings* report published by USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 27, with final interviews completed on March 19. This report provides an indication of the acres farmers intend to plant as of March 1. Actual plantings will depend greatly upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Corn: Iowa farmers intend to plant 14.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2013. This is unchanged from 2012 and if realized, would be 200,000 acres below the record acreage planted in 1981.

Soybeans: Producers in Iowa intend to plant 9.4 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year, up slightly from 2012.

Oats: Iowa farmers intend to plant 120,000 acres of oats. This is 10,000 acres less than producers planted in 2012.

Hay: Iowa farmers intend to harvest 1.10 million acres of hay in 2013. If realized, it would be 40,000 acres below the record low acreage harvested in 2011 and 2012.

Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2011	2012	Indicated 2013	'13 as % of '12	2011	2012	Indicated 2013	'13 as % of '12
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	14,100	14,200	14,200	100	91,936	97,155	97,282	100
Oats	120	130	120	92	2,496	2,760	2,901	105
Soybeans	9,350	9,350	9,400	101	75,046	77,198	77,126	100
Hay, all ¹	1,140	1,140	1,100	96	55,653	56,260	56,419	100
Wheat, all	22	18	40	222	54,409	55,736	56,440	101

¹ Acres for harvest.

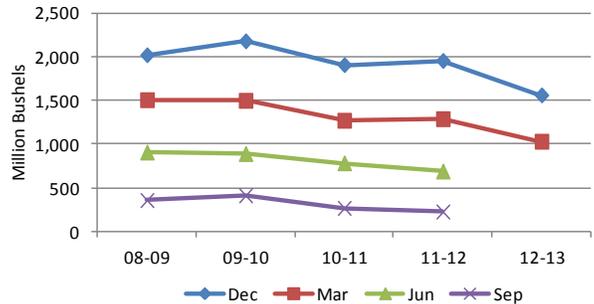
GRAIN STOCKS

Iowa corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2013 totaled 1.03 billion bushels, 20 percent less than last year and the lowest March 1 stocks since 1998. Of the total stocks, 54 percent were stored on-farm. The December 2012 - February 2013 indicated disappearance totaled 529 million bushels, 21 percent less than the 666 million bushels used during the same period last year.

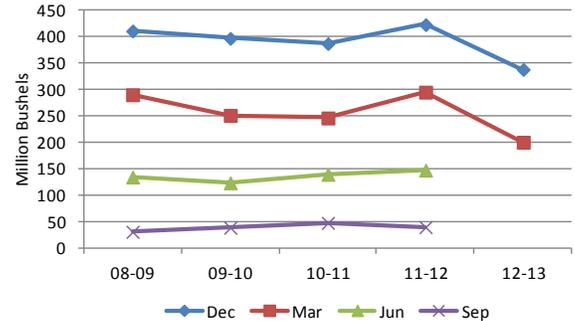
Iowa soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2013 totaled 200 million bushels, down 32 percent from the 295 million bushels on hand March 1, 2012. Of the total stocks, 45 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for the December 2012 - February 2013 period was 138 million bushels, 8 percent more than the 128 million bushels used during the same quarter last year.

Iowa oat stocks stored in all positions on March 1, 2013 totaled 2.78 million bushels, down 65 percent from the 7.82 million bushels on hand March 1, 2012. Of the total stocks, 36 percent were stored on-farm.

**Corn Stocks
by Marketing Year, Iowa**



**Soybean Stocks
by Marketing Year, Iowa**



Stocks of Grain, March 1, Iowa and United States

Position and Grain	Iowa			United States		
	March 1 2012	March 1 2013	'13 as % of '12	March 1 2012	March 1 2013	'13 as % of '12
	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(Percent)	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(Percent)
On-Farm Stocks						
Corn	740,000	560,000	76	3,192,000	2,669,200	84
Soybeans	120,000	90,000	75	555,000	89,000	16
Oats	1,100	1,000	91	19,750	19,750	100
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	217,100	236,770	106
Off-Farm Stocks ¹						
Corn	548,140	490,191	89	2,831,356	2,729,744	96
Soybeans	175,208	118,577	68	817,258	118,577	15
Oats	6,699	1,775	26	52,788	55,044	104
Wheat	1,407	2,252	160	982,245	997,348	102
Total Stocks						
Corn	1,288,140	1,050,191	82	6,023,356	5,398,944	90
Soybeans	295,028	208,577	71	1,372,258	207,577	15
Oats	7,799	2,775	36	72,538	74,794	103
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,199,345	1,234,118	103

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

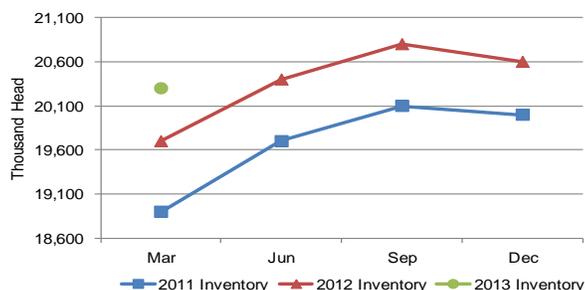
HOGS AND PIGS

On March 1, 2013 there were 20.3 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Hogs and Pigs report. The March 1 inventory was down slightly from December 2012 but up 3 percent from a year ago.

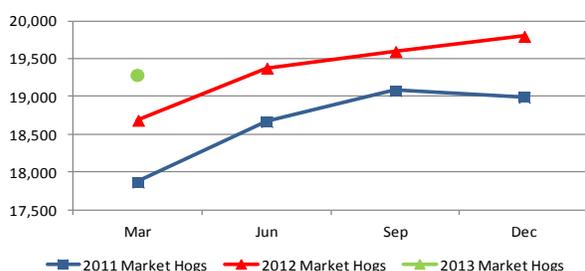
The December 2012-February 2013 pig crop was 5.02 million head. A total of 485,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.35 pigs per sow.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 500,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2013 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2013 period were estimated at 490,000 as of March 1, 2013.

**Quarterly Total Hog Inventory, Iowa,
2011 - 2013**



**Quarterly Market Hog Inventory,
Iowa, 2011 - 2013**



Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2012-2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12	2012	2013	'13 as % of '12
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	510	490	96	4,140	4,160	100	4,650	4,650	100
Iowa	1,010	1,020	101	18,690	19,280	103	19,700	20,300	103
Minnesota	550	570	104	7,050	7,180	102	7,600	7,750	102
Missouri	360	340	94	2,290	2,410	105	2,650	2,750	104
Nebraska	390	390	100	2,710	2,610	96	3,100	3,000	97
North Carolina	860	870	101	7,740	8,030	104	8,600	8,900	103
United States	5,820	5,834	100	59,117	60,077	102	64,937	65,911	101

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2012-2013

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,380	1,340	1,260	1,240	800	790	700	790
Iowa	4,930	5,150	5,820	5,940	4,640	4,800	3,300	3,390
Minnesota	2,360	2,450	2,180	2,130	1,570	1,600	940	1,000
Missouri	1,000	1,070	530	535	370	395	390	410
Nebraska	880	870	790	740	605	580	435	420
North Carolina	3,030	3,070	1,810	1,950	1,560	1,650	1,340	1,360
United States	19,235	19,426	16,409	16,650	12,780	13,059	10,693	10,942

MONTHLY PRICES

The preliminary March 2013 price received for corn in Iowa was \$7.20 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This is a \$0.97 increase from March 2012. Preliminary March Iowa soybean prices are \$1.70 higher than March 2012, at \$14.50 per bushel. The preliminary March oat price is \$4.20 per bushel, an increase of \$0.57 from one year ago.

All hay prices in Iowa increased \$93.00 per ton to \$232.00, compared to March 2012. Alfalfa hay prices increased \$99.00 per ton to \$248.00 and other hay prices increased \$66.00 per ton to \$160.00. Iowa dairy farmers received an average of \$19.50 per cwt for milk sold in March, \$1.90 more than one year ago.

Prices Received by Farmers

<u>IOWA</u>	March 2012	February 2013	March ¹ 2013
-----Dollars-----			
Corn Bu	6.23	7.00	7.20
Soybeans Bu	12.80	14.60	14.50
Oats Bu	3.63	4.03	4.20
All Hay, baled Ton	139.00	226.00	232.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled Ton	149.00	240.00	248.00
Other Hay, baled Ton	94.00	155.00	160.00
Milk Cows ² Hd	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Milk (whls) Cwt	17.60	20.00	19.50

<u>UNITED STATES</u>	March 2012	February 2013	March ¹ 2013
-----Dollars-----			
Corn Bu	6.35	7.04	7.18
Soybeans Bu	13.00	14.60	14.50
Oats Bu	3.77	4.05	4.09
All Hay, baled Ton	183.00	194.00	196.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled Ton	200.00	218.00	219.00
Other hay, baled Ton	147.00	148.00	149.00
Hogs, all Cwt	65.20	64.50	59.80
Brw & Gilts Cwt	65.50	65.10	59.80
Sows Cwt	59.60	49.20	59.90
Beef Cattle Cwt	128.00	123.00	125.00
Cows Cwt	84.20	80.80	82.90
Strs & Hfrs Cwt	132.00	127.00	128.00
Calves Cwt	184.00	167.00	163.00
Milk Cows ² Hd	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Milk (whls) Cwt	17.20	19.50	19.10
Eggs (mkt) ³ Doz	0.791	0.776	0.952

(NA) Not available.

¹ Preliminary

² Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices estimated in January, April, July, and October.

³ Eggs are mid-month prices.

Prices Index Summary, United States

<u>PRICES RECEIVED INDEX</u>	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2013
			1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
All Products	1168	1262	1280	184	199	202
Crops	1044	1163	1187	211	235	240
Food grains	727	798	780	229	252	246
Feed grains & hay ..	968	1074	1096	271	301	307
Oilseeds	1279	1396	1381	233	255	252
Lvstk	1223	1245	1264	160	162	165
Meat Animals	1695	1637	1619	166	161	159
Dairy Prod.	1058	1200	1175	132	149	146
Poultry & eggs	490	507	554	174	180	197

<u>PRICES PAID INDEX</u>	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Mar 2012	Feb 2013	Mar 2013
			1910-14=100		1990-92=100	
Prices Paid	2842	2940	2942	213	221	221
Production	2200	2285	2283	227	235	235
Feed	1146	1345	1350	235	275	277
Livestock & pltry	2350	2150	2060	184	168	161
Seeds	3606	3606	3606	364	364	364
Fertilizer	1219	1243	1260	333	339	344
Chemicals	939	957	954	152	155	154
Fuels	2950	2799	2796	382	363	362
Ratio	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	86	90	91
Parity Ratio ¹	41	43	44	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Ratio of index of prices received to index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and farm wage rates.

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