

Objective Yield Data Soybeans, Iowa

The National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts objective yield surveys in randomly selected plots in soybean fields. These fields are visited monthly from August through harvest to obtain specific counts and measurements. Data in these tables are rounded actual field counts from this survey.

Soybeans: Pods with Beans per 18 Square Feet

Year	Sep	Oct	Nov	Final
2003	1,635	1,629	1,647	1,647
2009	1,858	1,878	1,868	1,879
2010	2,009	2,046	2,054	2,054
2011	1,944	1,941	1,996	2,002
2012	1,512	1,636	1,630	1,630
2013	1,414	(NA)	1,538	1,531

Soybeans: Frequency of Farmer Reported Row Widths

Year	Less than 7.5 inches ¹	7.5 inches	15 inches	30 inches	More than 30 inches
2003	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
2009	2	15	92	95	5
2010	4	18	72	93	4
2011	2	13	78	95	2
2012	1	9	89	86	3
2013	2	1	78	93	3

(NA) Not Available

¹ Includes broadcast soybeans.

Soybeans: Percentage Distribution by Measured Row Width and Average Row Width

Year	Number of Samples	Row Width (inches)					Average Row Width ¹
		10.0 or Less ¹	10.1-18.5	18.6-28.5	28.6-34.5	34.6 or Greater	
2003	203	13.1	32.3	6.2	43.0	5.4	22.3
2009	209	6.9	39.2	7.2	43.6	3.1	22.3
2010	189	7.6	36.0	6.9	47.9	1.6	22.6
2011	192	6.2	37.2	6.8	49.0	0.8	22.8
2012	190	5.3	39.5	9.2	44.2	1.8	22.5
2013	177	3.1	34.4	10.8	49.7	2.0	23.5

¹ Broadcast soybeans included as "10.0 inches and less" but excluded in computation of average width.

