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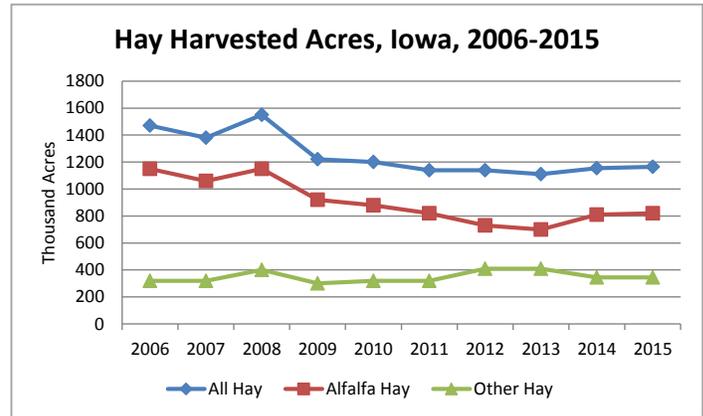
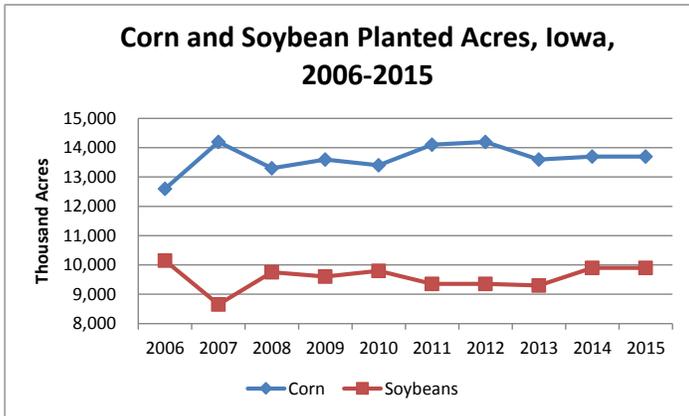
Corn planted for all purposes in Iowa is estimated at 13.7 million acres, up 100,000 acres from the March intentions and equal to the 2014 planted acreage according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Acreage* report. Corn to be harvested for grain is forecasted at 13.3 million acres. Producers also reported the percent of genetically modified (GM) seed varieties used to plant the 2015 corn acres. The percent of corn acreage planted to insect resistant (Bt) varieties is estimated at 5 percent, herbicide resistant only varieties were planted on 8 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 80 percent of the acres. Overall, 93 percent of the corn was planted to GM seed.

Soybean acreage planted is estimated at 10.0 million acres, down 100,000 from the March intentions, but 100,000 more than the 2014 planted acreage. Soybean acreage to be harvested is forecasted at 9.92 million acres. Based on reports from producers, 96 percent of the soybean acres were planted with herbicide resistant GM seed.

Acres to be harvested for **hay** is estimated at 1.17 million acres, up 15,000 from the March estimate and 10,000 acres above 2014. Of the total, 820,000 acres of Alfalfa will be harvested and 345,000 acres of other hay will be cut for dry hay.

Acreage seeded to **oats** is estimated at 125,000 acres, down 15,000 from the March intentions and 20,000 acres below 2014. If realized, this would be the second lowest planted acreage on record for Iowa, exceeding only the 2011 record low of 120,000. Oat acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 55,000 acres, matching 2014 for the second lowest harvested acreage and just 5,000 more than the record low set in 2011.

Acres seeded to **winter wheat** last Fall is estimated at 24,000 acres, 2,000 acres below 2014. Acres to be harvested for grain is forecasted at 18,000 acres, up 3,000 from 2014.



Crop Summary – Iowa and United States: 2014 and 2015

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹		Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Corn, All	13,700	13,700	13,300	13,300	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101
Hay, All	(NA)	(NA)	1,155	1,165	(NA)	(NA)	57,092	56,539
Hay, Alfalfa	(NA)	(NA)	810	820	(NA)	(NA)	18,445	18,337
Hay, Other	(NA)	(NA)	345	345	(NA)	(NA)	38,647	38,202
Oats	145	125	55	55	2,723	3,064	1,029	1,220
Soybeans	9,900	10,000	9,820	9,920	83,701	85,139	83,061	84,449
Wheat, Winter	26	24	15	18	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329
Principal crops ²	24,926	25,014	24,655	(NA)	326,784	325,669	309,047	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop.

² Includes planted corn, sorghum, oats, barley, rye, winter wheat, Durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflower, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, sugarbeets, canola, and proso millet. Harvested acreage is used for all hay, tobacco, and sugarcane in computing total area planted. Includes double cropped acres and unharvested small grains planted as cover crops.

United States Acreage

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is also up 2 percent from 2014 and will be record high, if realized. Record high planted acreage is estimated in Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 56.1 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.6 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.44 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.5 million acres, up 4 percent from 2014. Of this total, about 12.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.95 million acres, up 40 percent from the previous year.