



# Iowa Ag News – Crop Production

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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.42 billion bushels, 2 percent above the 2014 production and slightly above the September forecast, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. If realized, production will be a record high, breaking the previous record set in 2009 by 8.3 million bushels. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 183 bushels per acre, an increase of 5 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, the yield will also set a new high, exceeding the previous record of 181 set in 2004 and tied in 2009. Acres planted and harvested for grain, at 13.6 million and 13.2 million acres, respectively, are down 100,000 acres from the September estimate.

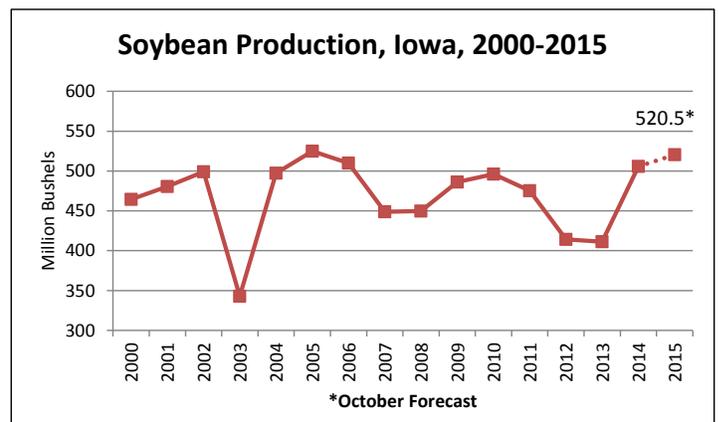
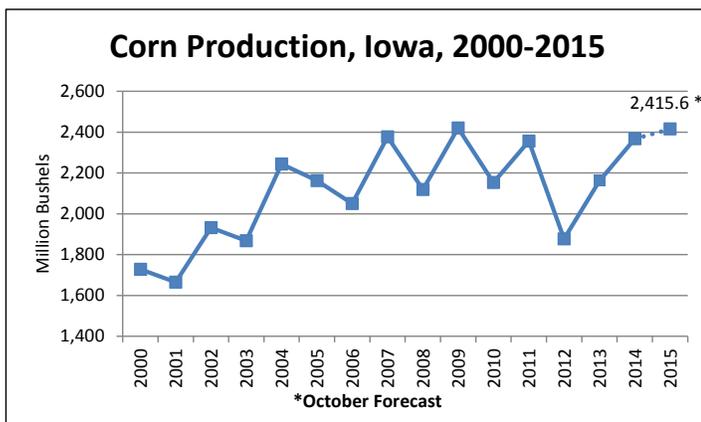
**Soybean** production is forecast at 520 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2014, but 1 percent below the September forecast. If realized, this will be the second largest soybean production on record, 1 percent less than the 525 million bushels produced in 2005. The October 1 forecast yield is 53 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels above 2014 but unchanged from the September forecast. If realized this will be the highest soybean yield on record, 0.5 bushel above the previous record set in 2005. Area planted and harvested, at 9.90 million and 9.82 million acres, respectively, are up 50,000 acres from 2014, but down 100,000 from the September forecast.

Iowa hay yield for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is expected to be 3.60 tons per acre with a total production of 2.95 million tons, a production increase of 1 percent from the previous year. The projected yield for **other hay** is 2.10 tons per acre, with production at 725,000 tons, down 4 percent from 2014.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 10.

## Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>IOWA</b>						
Corn .....	13,300	13,200	178.0	183.0	2,367,400	2,415,600
Hay, alfalfa .....	810	820	3.60	3.60	2,916	2,952
Hay, other .....	345	345	2.20	2.10	759	725
Soybeans .....	9,770	9,820	51.0	53.0	498,270	520,460
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Corn .....	83,136	80,664	171.0	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Hay, alfalfa .....	18,445	18,337	3.33	3.45	61,446	63,214
Hay, other .....	38,647	38,202	2.03	2.07	78,352	79,187
Soybeans .....	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721



## U.S. Corn Supply and Use

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 <sup>1</sup> Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	821	1,232	1,731
Production	13,829	14,216	13,555
Imports	36	32	30
<b>Supply, total</b>	14,686	15,479	15,316
Feed & Residual	5,040	5,317	5,275
Food, Seed & Industrial	6,493	6,566	6,630
<b>Domestic, total</b>	11,534	11,883	11,905
Exports	1,920	1,864	1,850
<b>Use, total</b>	13,454	13,748	13,755
<b>Ending Stocks, total</b>	1,232	1,731	1,561
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.46	3.70	3.50 - 4.10

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary

## U.S. Soybean Supply and Use

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 <sup>1</sup> Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning Stocks	141	92	191
Production	3,358	3,927	3,888
Imports	72	33	30
<b>Supply, total</b>	3,570	4,052	4,109
Crushings	1,734	1,875	1,880
Exports	1,638	1,843	1,675
Seed	97	97	92
Residual	10	46	38
<b>Use, total</b>	3,478	3,861	3,685
<b>Ending stocks</b>	92	191	425
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	13.00	10.10	8.40 - 9.90

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary

## United States Summary

**Corn** production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from the September forecast. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 168.0 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from the September forecast but down 3.0 bushels from 2014. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 80.7 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from 2014. Acreage updates were made in several States following a thorough review of all available data.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 3.89 billion bushels, down 1 percent from September and down 1 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.2 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from last month but down 0.3 bushel from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 82.4 million acres, down 1 percent from September and down slightly from last year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.