



Iowa Ag News – Prospective Plantings

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The annual *Prospective Plantings* report published by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service is based on the voluntary responses from approximately two thousand Iowa producers. This report provides an indication of the acres farmers intend to plant for the 2015 crop year. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.6 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2015, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is a decrease of 100,000 acres from 2014.

Producers intend to plant 10.1 million acres of **soybeans** in Iowa this year. This is an increase of 200,000 acres from 2014. If realized, this would be the largest acreage since 2006.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 140,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes, down 5,000 acres from last year.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.15 million acres of **dry hay** for the 2015 crop year.

Planted acres for **winter wheat**, at 26,000 acres, is unchanged from last year.

Prospective Plantings – Iowa and United States: 2013-2015

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2013	2014	Indicated 2015	'15 as % of '14	2013	2014	Indicated 2015	'15 as % of '14
	<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.....	13,600	13,700	13,600	99	95,365	90,597	89,199	98
Hay, all ¹	1,170	1,155	1,150	100	57,897	57,092	57,093	100
Oats.....	220	145	140	97	2,980	2,723	2,931	108
Soybeans	9,300	9,900	10,100	102	76,840	83,701	84,635	101
Wheat, winter ..	30	26	26	100	43,230	42,399	40,751	96

¹ Acres for harvest.

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Corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third consecutive year of an acreage decline and would be the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 84.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged in 21 of the 31 major producing States.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 55.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.75 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.43 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.0 million acres, down slightly from 2014. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 18 percent from the previous year.

