



Iowa Ag News – 2015 Crop Production

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Corn for grain production in Iowa during 2015 is estimated at 2.51 billion bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service annual *Crop Production 2015 Summary* report. This record high production is 4 percent above the previous record of 2.41 billion bushels set in 2009. Iowa has led the Nation in corn production for 22 consecutive years and 37 of last 38 years. Iowa's corn for grain yield is estimated at 192 bushels per acre, 6 percent higher than the previous record yield of 181 bushels per acre established in 2004 and tied in 2009. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 13.1 million acres, down 150,000 acres from the November 1 forecast and 250,000 acres below 2014. Corn planted for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 13.5 million acres, down 100,000 acres from the November 1 estimate and the fewest planted acres since 2010.

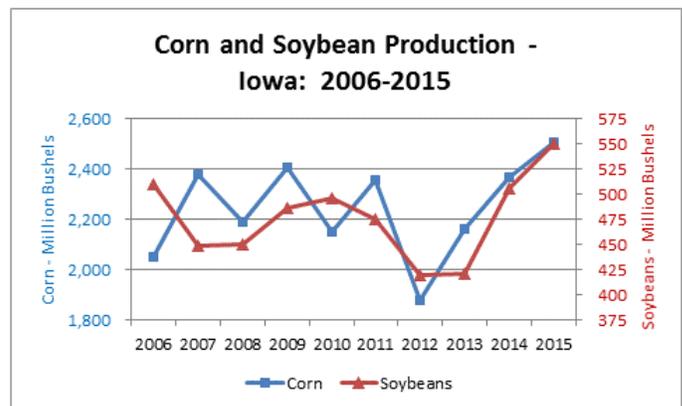
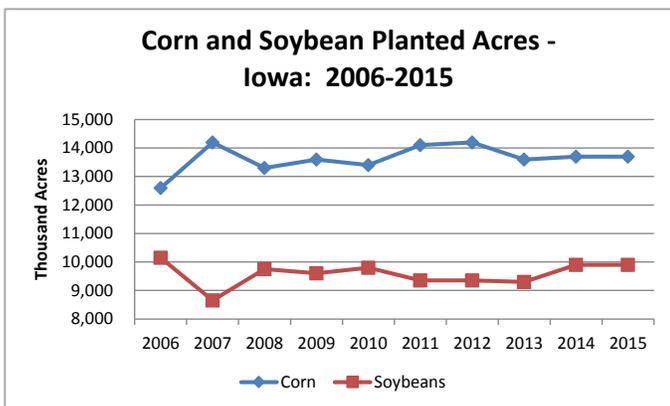
Corn for silage production is estimated at 8.16 million tons, up 32 percent from 2014. The silage yield estimate of 24.0 tons per acre is a record high, 2.0 tons per acre higher than the previous record set in 2009. Producers harvested 340,000 acres of corn for silage, up 30,000 acres from 2014.

Soybean production is estimated at 554 million bushels in 2015. This is a record high production, topping the previous record of 525 million bushels set in 2005 by 5 percent. The Iowa soybean crop yielded 56.5 bushels per acre in 2015. This yield is also a new record high, 8 percent above the previous record of 52.5 bushels per acre set in 2005. The harvested acreage of 9.80 million is down 20,000 acres from the November 1 estimate, but 30,000 acres above 2014. Soybean planted acreage, at 9.85 million, is down 50,000 acres from November 1, but is unchanged from 2014.

All hay production for the state is estimated at 3.94 million tons, up 7 percent from the 3.68 million tons produced in 2014 and the highest production since 2009. Producers averaged 3.4 tons per acre, up from 3.2 tons in 2014. All hay harvested acres is estimated at 1.16 million, up 5,000 acres from 2014.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production is estimated at 3.0 million tons, up 3 percent from 2014. Producers averaged 3.9 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2014. Harvested acres are down 40,000 from last year, to 770,000. Iowa producers seeded 90,000 acres of alfalfa in 2015, down 20,000 acres from 2014 and the lowest seeding since 2011.

Other hay production is estimated at 936,000 tons, up 23 percent from 2014. Producers averaged 2.4 tons per acre, 0.2 ton per acre above the 2014 yield. Harvested acres of other hay, at 390,000, is 13 percent above 2014.



2015 Crop Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
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Corn for Grainbushels	13,300	13,050	178.0	192.0	2,367,400	2,505,600
Corn for Silage..... tons	310	340	20.0	24.0	6,200	8,160
Hay, all tons	1,155	1,160	3.18	3.40	3,675	3,939
Hay, Alfalfa tons	810	770	3.60	3.90	2,916	3,003
Hay, Other tons	345	390	2.20	2.40	759	936
Oats for Grainbushels	55	57	64.0	73.0	3,520	4,161
Soybeansbushels	9,770	9,800	51.0	56.5	498,270	553,700
Wheat, Winter.....bushels	15	15	49.0	52.0	735	780
UNITED STATES						
Corn for Grainbushels	83,136	80,749	171.0	168.4	14,215,532	13,601,198
Corn for Silage..... tons	6,371	6,221	20.1	20.4	128,048	126,894
Hay, all tons	57,062	54,437	2.45	2.47	139,923	134,388
Hay, Alfalfa tons	18,395	17,778	3.34	3.32	61,451	58,974
Hay, Other tons	38,667	36,659	2.03	2.06	78,472	75,414
Oats for Grainbushels	1,035	1,276	67.9	70.2	70,232	89,535
Soybeansbushels	82,591	81,849	47.5	48.0	3,927,090	3,929,885
Wheat, Winter.....bushels	32,299	32,257	42.6	42.5	1,377,216	1,370,188

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ² Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	821	1,232	1,731
Production	13,829	14,216	13,601
Imports	36	32	40
Supply, total	14,686	15,479	15,372
Feed & Residual	5,040	5,315	5,300
Food, Seed & Industrial .	6,493	6,568	6,570
Domestic, total	11,534	11,883	11,870
Exports	1,920	1,864	1,700
Use, total	13,454	13,748	13,570
Ending Stocks, total	1,232	1,731	1,802
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.46	3.70	3.30 - 3.90

¹ Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report

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U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ² Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	141	92	191
Production	3,358	3,927	3,930
Imports	72	33	30
Supply, total	3,570	4,052	4,150
Crushings	1,734	1,873	1,890
Exports	1,638	1,843	1,690
Seed	97	96	92
Residual	10	49	39
Use, total	3,478	3,862	3,711
Ending stocks	92	191	440
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	13.00	10.10	8.05 - 9.55

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United States Corn and Soybean Production

Corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage.

Soybean production in 2015 totaled a record 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but up slightly from 2014. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 48.0 bushels, 0.3 bushel below the November forecast but 0.5 bushel above the 2014 yield. Harvested area is down less than 1 percent from last year's record acreage to 81.8 million acres.