



# 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 2016 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 13.9 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2016, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is an increase of 400,000 acres from 2015.

Producers intend to plant 9.7 million acres of **soybeans** in Iowa this year. This is a 150,000 acre decrease from 2015.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 90,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes, down 35,000 acres from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest planted acreage on record for Iowa.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.2 million acres of **dry hay** for the 2016 crop year. This is 40,000 acres more than Iowa farmers harvested in 2015.

Planted acres for **winter wheat**, at 25,000 acres, is up 5,000 acres from last year.

## Area Planted – Iowa and United States: 2014-2016

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2014	2015	Intended 2016	'16 as % of '15	2014	2015	Intended 2016	'16 as % of '15
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn, all.....	13,700	13,500	13,900	103	90,597	87,999	93,601	106
Hay, all <sup>1</sup> .....	1,155	1,160	1,200	103	57,062	54,437	54,305	100
Oats.....	145	125	90	72	2,753	3,088	2,751	89
Soybeans .....	9,850	9,850	9,700	98	83,276	82,650	82,236	99
Wheat, winter ..	26	20	25	125	42,409	39,461	36,216	92

<sup>1</sup>Area harvested.

## UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**Corn** planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 93.6 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944.

**Soybean** planted area for 2016 is estimated at 82.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are down or unchanged in 23 of the 31 estimating States.

**All wheat** planted area for 2016 is estimated at 49.6 million acres, down 9 percent from 2015. The 2016 winter wheat planted area, at 36.2 million acres, is down 8 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.60 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.37 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2016 is estimated at 11.3 million acres, down 14 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 10.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2016 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous year.

### Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

