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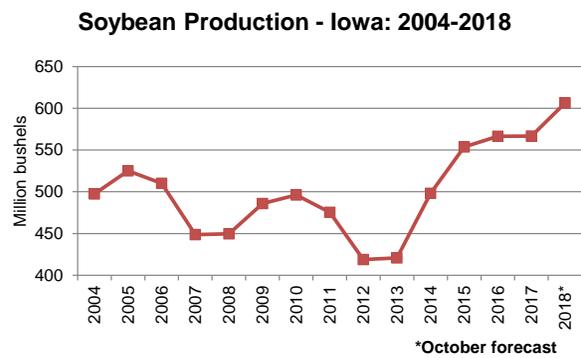
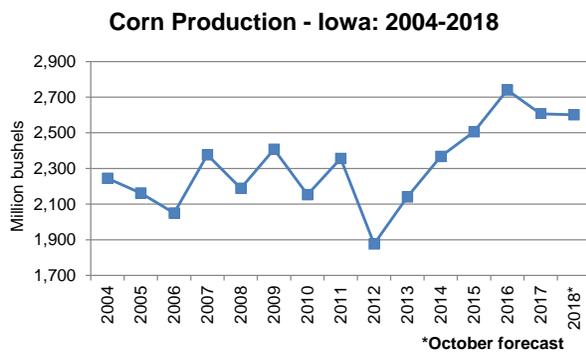
Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.60 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 204 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, but up 2 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, this will be highest yield on record, 1 bushel per acre above the record set in 2016. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 13.2 million acres. An estimated 12.8 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 606 million bushels. If realized, this will be the highest production on record with 39.8 million bushels more than the previous record of 567 million bushels set in 2017. The yield is forecast at 61.0 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from the September forecast, and 4 bushels per acre higher than 2017. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record surpassing the 60.0 bushels per acre in 2016. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 10.0 million acres with 9.94 million acres to be harvested.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay** is forecast at 3.15 million tons, an increase of 25 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.80 tons per acre, up 0.30 ton from last year. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 888,000 tons, up 7 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average 2.40 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from last year.

The forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 8.

NOTE: Following a thorough review of all data, 2017 soybean yield and production have been revised. The 2017 yield, at 57.0 bushels per acre, is up 0.5 bushel from the previous estimate. Production has been revised to 567 million bushels, up 4.97 million bushels from the previous estimate. Updated 2017 district and county estimates will be available in February 2019.



Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2017 and Forecasted October 1, 2018

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
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Corn	12,900	12,750	202.0	204.0	2,605,800	2,601,000
Hay, alfalfa	720	830	3.50	3.80	2,520	3,154
Hay, other	360	370	2.30	2.40	828	888
Soybeans	9,940	9,940	57.0	61.0	566,580	606,340
UNITED STATES						
Corn	82,703	81,767	176.6	180.7	14,604,067	14,777,826
Hay, alfalfa	16,563	17,351	3.32	3.43	55,068	59,527
Hay, other	37,221	37,717	2.05	1.98	76,387	74,857
Soybeans	89,522	88,348	49.3	53.1	4,410,673	4,689,628

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 ² Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	1,737	2,293	2,140
Production	15,148	14,604	14,778
Imports	57	36	50
Supply, total	16,942	16,934	16,968
Feed & residual	5,470	5,302	5,550
Food, seed & industrial	6,885	7,054	7,130
Domestic, total	12,355	12,355	12,680
Exports	2,294	2,438	2,475
Use, total	14,649	14,793	15,155
Ending stocks	2,293	2,140	1,813
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	3.36	3.36	3.00 - 4.00

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

² Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 ² Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	197	302	438
Production	4,296	4,411	4,690
Imports	22	22	25
Supply, total	4,515	4,734	5,153
Crushings	1,901	2,055	2,070
Exports	2,166	2,129	2,060
Seed	105	104	103
Residual	41	8	34
Use, total	4,214	4,296	4,268
Ending stocks	302	438	885
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	9.47	9.33	7.35 - 9.85

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United States Summary

Corn production is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, down slightly from the September forecast but up 1 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 180.7 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the September forecast but up 4.1 bushels from 2017. If realized, this will be the highest yield and second highest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, down slightly from the previous estimate and down 1 percent from 2017. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.69 billion bushels, down slightly from September but up 6 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 53.1 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 3.8 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 88.3 million acres, down 1 percent from September and down 1 percent from 2017. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.