



Iowa Ag News – Prospective Plantings

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Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.3 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2018 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Prospective Plantings* report. This is unchanged from 2017.

Producers intend to plant 9.80 million acres of **soybeans** in Iowa this year. This is a 200,000 acre decrease from 2017.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 140,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes, up 25,000 acres from last year. If realized, this would be the largest planted acreage since 2014.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.10 million acres of **all dry hay** for the 2018 crop year. This is 20,000 acres more than harvested in 2017.

Planted acres of **winter wheat**, at 20,000 acres, is up 4,000 acres from last year.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers' 2018 planting intentions. NASS's acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 82,900 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,900 from Iowa. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers make their final planting decisions.

Area Planted – Iowa and United States: 2016-2018

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'18 as % of '17 (percent)	2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 ¹ (1,000 acres)	'18 as % of '17 (percent)
Corn, all.....	13,900	13,300	13,300	100	94,004	90,167	88,026	98
Hay, all ²	910	1,080	1,100	102	53,481	53,784	53,726	100
Oats.....	120	115	140	122	2,829	2,588	2,716	105
Soybeans	9,500	10,000	9,800	98	83,433	90,142	88,982	99
Wheat, winter ³	25	16	20	125	36,152	32,696	32,708	100

¹ Intended plantings in 2018 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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Corn planted area for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 88.0 million acres, down 2 percent or 2.14 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 33 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2018 is estimated at 89.0 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are down or unchanged in 20 of the 31 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.3 million acres, up 3 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 winter wheat planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up slightly from both last year and the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.85 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.64 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2018 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, up 15 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2018 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

