



# Iowa Ag News – Prospective Plantings



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Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.6 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2019 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is up 400,000 acres from 2018.

Producers intend to plant 9.40 million acres of **soybeans** in Iowa this year. This is a 600,000 acre decrease from 2018.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 135,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes, unchanged from last year.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.05 million acres of **all dry hay** for the 2019 crop year. This is 110,000 acres more than harvested in 2018.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers’ 2019 planting intentions. NASS’s acreage estimates are based on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 82,400 farm operators across the United States with more than 2,800 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: 2017-2019

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>1</sup>	'19 as % of '18	2017	2018	2019 <sup>1</sup>	'19 as % of '18
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn, all.....	13,300	13,200	13,600	103	90,167	89,129	92,792	104
Hay, all <sup>2</sup> .....	1,060	940	1,050	112	52,777	52,839	53,090	100
Oats.....	115	135	135	100	2,589	2,746	2,555	93
Soybeans .....	10,000	10,000	9,400	94	90,162	89,196	84,617	95

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area harvested in 2019 as indicated by reports from farmers.

## UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2019 is estimated at 92.8 million acres, up 4 percent or 3.66 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 34 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2019 is estimated at 84.6 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is down or unchanged in 26 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2019 is estimated at 45.8 million acres, down 4 percent from 2018. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2019 winter wheat planted area, at 31.5 million acres, is down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 22.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.55 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.55 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2019 is estimated at 12.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2018. Of this total, about 12.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2019 is estimated at 1.42 million acres, down 31 percent from the previous year.

### Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

