



# Iowa Ag News – Crop Production



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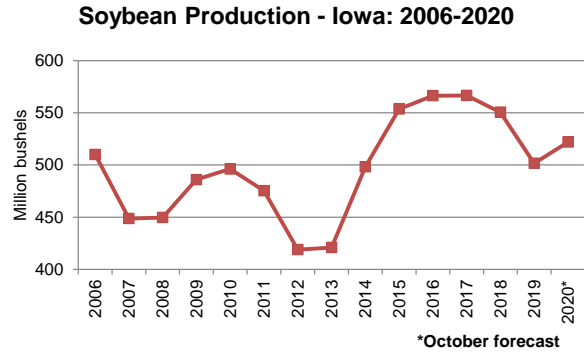
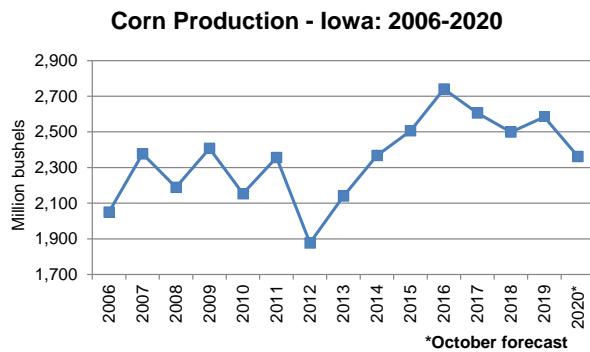
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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.36 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 186 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, and 12 bushels per acre lower than last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 13.7 million acres. An estimated 12.7 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain. Acreage updates were made based on a thorough review of all available data.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 522 million bushels. The yield is forecast at 56.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, and 1.0 bushel per acre higher than 2019. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 9.40 million acres with 9.32 million acres to be harvested.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay** is forecast at 2.70 million tons, an increase of 13% from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.70 tons per acre, up 0.30 ton from last year. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 858,000 tons, up 17% from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average 2.60 tons per acre, up 0.30 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 10.



## Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2019 and Forecasted October 1, 2020

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019 (1,000 acres)	2020 (1,000 acres)	2019	2020	2019 (1,000)	2020 (1,000)
<b>IOWA</b>						
Corn .....	13,050	12,700	198.0	186.0	2,583,900	2,362,200
Hay, alfalfa .....	700	730	3.40	3.70	2,380	2,701
Hay, other.....	320	330	2.30	2.60	736	858
Soybeans .....	9,120	9,320	55.0	56.0	501,600	521,920
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Corn .....	81,337	82,527	167.5	178.4	13,619,928	14,721,705
Hay, alfalfa .....	16,743	16,352	3.28	3.22	54,875	52,625
Hay, other.....	35,682	36,029	2.07	2.08	73,989	75,053
Soybeans .....	74,939	82,289	47.4	51.9	3,551,908	4,267,890

## U.S. Corn Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

CORN	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	2,140	2,221	1,995
Production	14,340	13,620	14,722
Imports	28	42	25
<b>Supply, total</b>	<b>16,509</b>	<b>15,883</b>	<b>16,742</b>
Feed & residual	5,429	5,827	5,775
Food, seed & industrial	6,793	6,282	6,475
<b>Domestic, total</b>	<b>12,222</b>	<b>12,109</b>	<b>12,250</b>
Exports	2,066	1,778	2,325
<b>Use, total</b>	<b>14,288</b>	<b>13,887</b>	<b>14,575</b>
<b>Ending stocks</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>2,167</b>
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	3.61	3.56	3.60

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

## U.S. Soybean Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

SOYBEANS	2018-2019	2019-2020 (Est.)	2020-2021 Projections October
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	438	909	523
Production	4,428	3,552	4,268
Imports	14	15	15
<b>Supply, total</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>4,806</b>
Crushings	2,092	2,165	2,180
Exports	1,752	1,676	2,200
Seed	88	96	100
Residual	39	16	36
<b>Use, total</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>4,516</b>
<b>Ending stocks</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>290</b>
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	8.48	8.57	9.80

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## United States Summary

Corn production for grain is forecast at 14.7 billion bushels, down 1% from the previous forecast but up 8% from 2019. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 178.4 bushels per harvested acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous forecast but up 10.9 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, down 1% from the previous forecast, but up 1% from the previous year. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.27 billion bushels, down 1% from the previous forecast but up 20% from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 51.9 bushels per harvested acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 4.5 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.3 million acres, down 1% from the previous forecast but up 10% from 2019. Acreage updates were made in several States based on a thorough review of all available data.