Iowa corn production is forecast at 2.34 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Crop Production report. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 184 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from the October 1 forecast and down 14 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest corn yield for Iowa since 2014. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 13.7 million acres. An estimated 12.7 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 503 million bushels. The yield is forecast at 54.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels per acre from the October forecast and 1.0 bushel per acre lower than 2019. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 9.40 million acres with 9.32 million acres to be harvested.

The forecasts in this report are based on November 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next corn and soybean production estimates will be published in the Crop Production – Annual Summary report which will be released January 12, 2021.
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Corn production for grain is forecast at 14.5 billion bushels, down 1% from the previous forecast but up 7% from 2019. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 175.8 bushels per harvested acre, down 2.6 bushels from the previous forecast but up 8.3 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.5 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast, but up 1% from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at 4.17 billion bushels, down 2% from the previous forecast but up 17% from last year. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 50.7 bushels per harvested acre, down 1.2 bushels from the previous forecast but up 3.3 bushels from 2019. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 82.3 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 10% from 2019.