



# Iowa Ag News – Prospective Plantings



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Iowa farmers intend to plant 14.1 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2020 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report. This is up 600,000 acres from 2019.

Producers intend to plant 9.30 million acres of **soybeans** in Iowa this year. This is a 100,000 acre increase from 2019.

Iowa farmers intend to plant 240,000 acres of **oats** for all purposes. This is a 25,000 acre increase from last year.

Farmers in Iowa expect to harvest 1.20 million acres of **all dry hay** for the 2020 crop year. This is 180,000 acres more than harvested in 2019.

The *Prospective Plantings* report provides the first official, survey-based estimates of U.S. farmers’ 2020 planting intentions. NASS’s acreage estimates are based primarily on surveys conducted during the first two weeks of March from a sample of approximately 80,000 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: 2018-2020

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	'20 as % of '19	2018	2019	2020 <sup>1</sup>	'20 as % of '19
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn, all.....	13,200	13,500	14,100	104	88,871	89,700	96,990	108
Hay, all <sup>2</sup> .....	940	1,020	1,200	118	52,839	52,425	53,283	102
Oats.....	135	215	240	112	2,746	2,810	3,012	107
Soybeans .....	9,950	9,200	9,300	101	89,167	76,100	83,510	110

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area harvested in 2020 as indicated by reports from farmers.

## UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2020 is estimated at 97.0 million acres, up 8 percent or 7.29 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States.

Soybean planted area for 2020 is estimated at 83.5 million acres, up 10 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be up or unchanged in 22 of the 29 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2020 is estimated at 44.7 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area since records began in 1919. The 2020 winter wheat planted area, at 30.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 21.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.69 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area expected to be planted to other spring wheat for 2020 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. Of this total, about 11.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2020 is expected to total 1.29 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous year.

### Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

