Iowa corn production is forecast at 2.50 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 201.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, and up 24.0 bushels per acre from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 12.9 million acres, with an estimated 12.5 million of the acres planted to be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 611 million bushels. The yield is forecast at 61.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, and up 7 bushels per acre from 2020. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 10.1 million acres with 10.0 million acres to be harvested.

Production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay is forecast at 2.84 million tons, down 2 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.60 tons per acre, up 0.10 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 790,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2020. Production of other hay is forecast at 828,000 tons, up 5 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 2.30 tons per acre, down 0.10 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 360,000 acres, up 30,000 acres 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 9.
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Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.0 billion bushels, up slightly from the previous forecast and up 6 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 176.5 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast and up 5.1 bushels from last year. After a thorough review of all available data, acreage estimates are unchanged from last month. Total planted area, at 93.3 million acres, is unchanged from the previous estimate, but up 3 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain, forecast at 85.1 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record 4.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the previous forecast and up 5 percent from 2020. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 51.5 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.9 bushel from the previous forecast and up 0.5 bushel from 2020. After a thorough review of all available data, acreage estimates are unchanged from last month. Total planted area, at 87.2 million acres, is unchanged from the previous estimate, but up 5 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for beans, forecast at 86.4 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 5 percent from the previous year.

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