



JUNE ACREAGE & GRAIN STOCKS

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June Acreage

Kansas growers planted 19.6 million acres to the four major crops (wheat, sorghum, corn, and soybeans), up slightly from 2008. **Wheat** seeded last fall totaled 9.3 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous forecast but down 3 percent (300,000 acres) from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecasted to be 8.8 million acres, up 4 percent from the previous forecast but 1 percent (100,000 acres) below a year ago.

Corn planted acreage, at 3.8 million acres, is 1 percent less than last year's planted acres. Farmers planted 91 percent of their corn acreage with varieties developed using biotechnology. Twenty-four percent of the acreage was planted with insect resistant only varieties containing bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) and 29 percent of the acreage with herbicide resistant varieties developed using biotechnology. Stacked gene varieties, those containing both insect and herbicide resistance, were planted on 38 percent of the corn acreage. Acreage forecasted to be harvested for grain is 3.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

Soybean plantings are forecasted to total 3.6 million acres, up 9 percent from a year ago. If realized, this would be a record high. Producers planted 94 percent of the soybean acreage to herbicide resistant varieties in 2009. Forecasted acreage for harvest, at 3.5 million acres, is 8 percent higher than last year.

Sorghum acreage planted and to be planted, at 2.9 million acres, is unchanged from last year. Kansas ranks first in the Nation in sorghum acreage. The acreage forecasted to be harvested as grain, at 2.7 million acres, is down 2 percent from last year.

Oats planted in 2009, at 70,000 acres, is 17 percent above last year. Oats forecasted to be harvested for grain, at 30,000 acres, is up 20 percent from the previous year. **Barley** planted acreage, at 14,000 acres, decreased 3,000 acres from last year. Forecasted acreage for harvest, at 10,000 acres, is unchanged from last year. **All sunflowers** planted, at 147,000 acres, are down 39 percent from last year. Oil type varieties planted are at 130,000 acres, while non-oil varieties are planted on 17,000 acres. All sunflowers harvested are forecasted to total 136,000 acres with oil type varieties projected at 120,000 harvested acres. Acreage to be harvested for **hay** is forecasted to total 2.85 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Of the total hay acreage, 750,000 acres are alfalfa hay, up 7 percent from last year. Acreage of **dry beans** planted, at 6,500 acres, is up 500 acres from last year. Harvested acreage is forecast at 6,000 acres. **Cotton** acreage planted is forecasted at 35,000 acres in 2009, unchanged from last year.

Grain Stocks

Kansas **wheat** stocks in all positions total 91.7 million bushels on June 1, 227 percent higher than last June. Wheat stored at off-farm locations (mills, elevators, warehouses, and processors) totaled 87.0 million bushels, which accounts for 95 percent of the total grain stocks. On-farm wheat stocks were 4.7 million bushels.

Sorghum grain in all positions totals 60.4 million bushels, 16 percent higher than last year's level. Off-farm stocks accounted for 52.9 million bushels and on-farm stocks for 7.5 million bushels.

Kansas **corn** stocks in all locations, at 169.8 million bushels, are 15 percent higher than last June. Off-farm stocks are 131.8 million bushels, which account for 78 percent of the total corn stocks. On-farm stocks, at 38.0 million bushels, are up 5.0 million bushels from last June.

Kansas **soybeans** in all locations total 20.4 million bushels, a 10 percent decrease from June 2008. Off-farm stocks, at 14.9 million bushels, are down 22 percent from last year and account for 73 percent of the total soybean stocks. On-farm stocks total 5.5 million bushels, up from 3.5 million bushels the previous year.

Off-farm **oat** stocks are 238,000 bushels, down 25 percent from last June.

Off-farm **barley** stocks, at 15,000 bushels, are down from 23,000 bushels a year ago.



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