



Minnesota Ag News – Acreage

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Corn planted for all purposes in Minnesota is estimated at 8.20 million acres, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Acreage* report. This is down 300,000 acres from the March intentions but unchanged from 2014. An estimated 7.75 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain. Producers also reported the percent of genetically modified (GM) seed varieties used to plant the 2015 corn acres. The percent of corn acreage planted to insect resistant (Bt) varieties is estimated at 2 percent, herbicide resistant only varieties were planted on 13 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 78 percent of the acres. Overall, 93 percent of the corn was planted to GM seed.

Soybean acreage planted is estimated at 7.70 million, up 200,000 from the March intentions, and up 350,000 acres from last year, surpassing the previous record of 7.50 million acres planted in 2003. An expected 7.62 million acres of soybeans will be harvested, which would, if realized, exceed the largest harvest by 170,000 acres. Producers also reported the percent of genetically modified (GM) seed varieties used to plant the 2015 soybean acres. Ninety-five percent of Minnesota’s soybean acreage was planted with herbicide resistant GM seed.

Spring Wheat planted in Minnesota is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 390,000 acres from the March intentions and up 430,000 from last year, the largest planting since 1.85 million acres in 2008. Spring wheat harvested for grain is forecast at 1.60 million acres. **Winter wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 48,000 acres, while an estimated 36,000 acres will be harvested for grain. **Oats** planted acreage is estimated at 290,000, up 10,000 acres from the March intentions and an increase of 60,000 acres from last year, with 170,000 acres forecast to be harvested for grain.

Total **hay** harvested acres for 2015 are estimated at 1.87 million, a decrease of 40,000 from 2014. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is down 50,000 acres from last year at an estimated 1.05 million acres. **Other hay** harvested acreage is estimated at 820,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from 2014.

Sugarbeets account for an estimated 430,000 planted acres, down 8,000 acres from the March intentions and a decrease of 10,000 acres from 2014. An expected 416,000 acres of sugarbeets will be harvested.

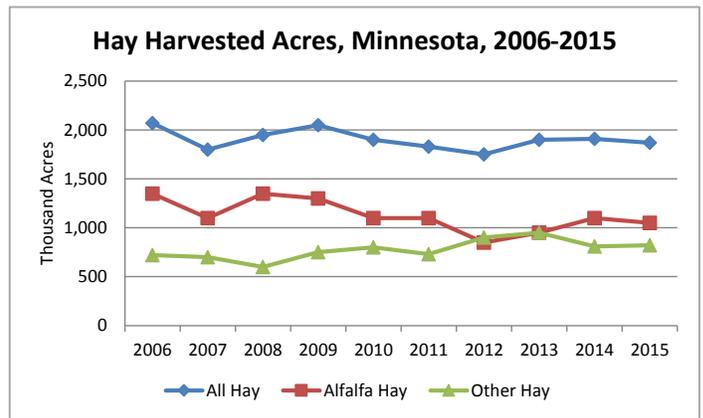
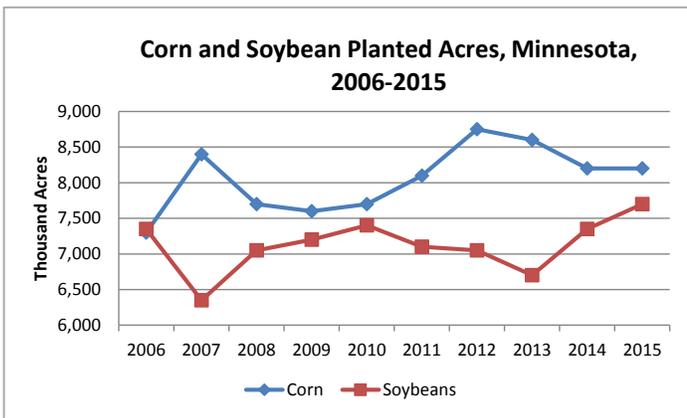
Crop Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2014 and 2015

| Crop | Minnesota | | | | United States | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | Planted for All Purposes | | Harvested for Grain ¹ | | Planted for All Purposes | | Harvested for Grain ¹ | |
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 |
| | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) |
| Barley..... | 75 | 100 | 60 | 85 | 2,975 | 3,413 | 2,443 | 2,919 |
| Canola..... | 14.0 | 19.0 | 13.5 | 18.0 | 1,714.0 | 1,572.0 | 1,555.7 | 1,524.2 |
| Corn, All | 8,200 | 8,200 | 7,550 | 7,750 | 90,597 | 88,897 | 83,136 | 81,101 |
| Dry Beans | 155.0 | 190.0 | 148.0 | 182.0 | 1,718.9 | 1,708.9 | 1,665.7 | 1,656.8 |
| Flaxseed | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 311 | 420 | 302 | 409 |
| Hay, All..... | (NA) | (NA) | 1,910 | 1,870 | (NA) | (NA) | 57,092 | 56,539 |
| Hay, Alfalfa | (NA) | (NA) | 1,100 | 1,050 | (NA) | (NA) | 18,445 | 18,337 |
| Hay, Other | (NA) | (NA) | 810 | 820 | (NA) | (NA) | 38,647 | 38,202 |
| Oats | 230 | 290 | 125 | 170 | 2,723 | 3,064 | 1,029 | 1,220 |
| Potatoes, Fall | 43.0 | 50.0 | 42.0 | 48.0 | 936.9 | 955.3 | 929.5 | 946.0 |
| Soybeans | 7,350 | 7,700 | 7,270 | 7,620 | 83,701 | 85,139 | 83,061 | 84,449 |
| Sugarbeets..... | 440.0 | 430.0 | 434.0 | 416.0 | 1,163.4 | 1,164.4 | 1,146.7 | 1,140.0 |
| Sunflowers, All..... | 62.0 | 85.0 | 59.5 | 82.0 | 1,560.8 | 1,682.0 | 1,507.6 | 1,611.2 |
| Sunflowers, Oil..... | 47.0 | 70.0 | 45.0 | 68.0 | 1,172.0 | 1,399.0 | 1,138.5 | 1,346.4 |
| Sunflowers, Non-Oil... | 15.0 | 15.0 | 14.5 | 14.0 | 388.8 | 283.0 | 369.1 | 264.8 |
| Wheat, All..... | 1,262 | 1,698 | 1,212 | 1,636 | 56,822 | 56,079 | 46,381 | 48,454 |
| Wheat, Spring..... | 1,220 | 1,650 | 1,180 | 1,600 | 13,025 | 13,505 | 12,740 | 13,217 |
| Winter Wheat | 42 | 48 | 32 | 36 | 42,399 | 40,620 | 32,304 | 33,329 |
| Principal Crops ² | 19,741 | 20,632 | 19,324 | (NA) | 326,784 | 325,669 | 309,047 | (NA) |

(NA) Not available.

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop.

² Includes planted corn, sorghum, oats, barley, rye, winter wheat, Durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflower, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, sugarbeets, canola, and proso millet. Harvested acreage is used for all hay, tobacco, and sugarcane in computing total area planted. Includes double cropped acres and unharvested small grains planted as cover crops.



United States Acreage

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is also up 2 percent from 2014 and will be record high, if realized. Record high planted acreage is estimated in Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 56.1 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.6 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.44 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.5 million acres, up 4 percent from 2014. Of this total, about 12.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.95 million acres, up 40 percent from the previous year.