



Minnesota Ag News – Acreage

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Corn planted in 2016 for all purposes by Minnesota producers is estimated at 8.50 million acres, the third largest acreage on record, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Acreage* report. This is an increase of 5 percent from 2015, and 4 percent above the March intentions. An estimated 8.00 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain. Producers reported planting biotechnology varieties on 93 percent of their 2016 corn acres. The percent of corn acreage planted to insect resistant (Bt) varieties is estimated at 3 percent, herbicide resistant only varieties were planted on 10 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 80 percent of the acres.

Soybean acreage planted is estimated at a record high 7.80 million, surpassing the previous record of 7.60 million acres planted last year, and 400,000 acres above the March intentions. An expected 7.75 million acres of soybeans will be harvested. If realized, this would top last year’s record harvested acreage by 200,000 acres. Producers reported using herbicide resistant seed varieties to plant 96 percent of their 2016 soybean acres.

Spring Wheat planted in Minnesota is estimated at 1.40 million acres, down 80,000 from last year, but 50,000 acres above the March intentions. Spring wheat harvested for grain is forecast at 1.35 million acres.

Winter wheat planted acreage is estimated at 35,000 acres, with an expected 30,000 acres harvested for grain. **Oats** planted acreage is estimated at 190,000, down 90,000 acres from last year and 10,000 acres below the March intentions. An estimated 95,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain.

Total dry **hay** expected to be harvested for 2016 are estimated at 1.70 million acres, up 130,000 acres from 2015. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is up 50,000 acres from last year to an estimated 1.10 million acres. **Other hay** harvested acreage is estimated at 600,000 acres, up 80,000 acres from 2015.

Sugarbeets acreage is estimated at 441,000 planted acres, 2,000 acres below 2015 and 3,000 acres below the March intentions. An expected 432,000 acres of sugarbeets will be harvested.

Crop Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2015 and 2016

| Crop | Minnesota | | | | United States | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Area Planted | | Area Harvested | | Area Planted | | Area Harvested | |
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 ¹ | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 ¹ |
| | (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..... | 135 | 85 | 120 | 75 | 3,558 | 2,967 | 3,109 | 2,578 |
| Canola..... | 23.0 | 35.0 | 21.5 | 34.0 | 1,777.0 | 1,704.5 | 1,714.5 | 1,662.3 |
| Corn for grain ² | 8,100 | 8,500 | 7,600 | 8,000 | 87,999 | 94,148 | 80,749 | 86,550 |
| Dry beans..... | 190.0 | 170.0 | 182.0 | 163.0 | 1,764.4 | 1,689.0 | 1,711.4 | 1,629.5 |
| Hay, all..... | (NA) | (NA) | 1,570 | 1,700 | (NA) | (NA) | 54,437 | 56,127 |
| Hay, alfalfa | (NA) | (NA) | 1,050 | 1,100 | (NA) | (NA) | 17,778 | 18,065 |
| Hay, other | (NA) | (NA) | 520 | 600 | (NA) | (NA) | 36,659 | 38,062 |
| Oats | 280 | 190 | 160 | 95 | 3,088 | 3,027 | 1,276 | 1,165 |
| Potatoes, fall | 41.0 | 41.0 | 40.5 | 40.0 | 944.6 | 916.4 | 937.7 | 911.1 |
| Soybeans | 7,600 | 7,800 | 7,550 | 7,750 | 82,650 | 83,688 | 81,814 | 83,037 |
| Sugarbeets..... | 443.0 | 441.0 | 435.0 | 432.0 | 1,159.8 | 1,165.9 | 1,145.4 | 1,148.8 |
| Sunflowers, all..... | 101.0 | 81.0 | 98.5 | 78.5 | 1,859.1 | 1,645.4 | 1,799.4 | 1,584.9 |
| Sunflowers, oil..... | 77.0 | 70.0 | 75.0 | 68.0 | 1,550.5 | 1,429.0 | 1,510.0 | 1,383.0 |
| Sunflowers, non-oil.... | 24.0 | 11.0 | 23.5 | 10.5 | 308.6 | 216.4 | 289.4 | 201.9 |
| Wheat, all..... | 1,532 | 1,435 | 1,473 | 1,380 | 54,644 | 50,816 | 47,094 | 44,093 |
| Wheat, spring..... | 1,480 | 1,400 | 1,430 | 1,350 | 13,247 | 12,133 | 12,941 | 11,835 |
| Winter wheat | 52 | 35 | 43 | 30 | 39,461 | 36,538 | 32,257 | 30,176 |
| Principal crops ³ | 20,015 | 20,478 | 19,701 | (NA) | 318,510 | 323,427 | 304,532 | (NA) |

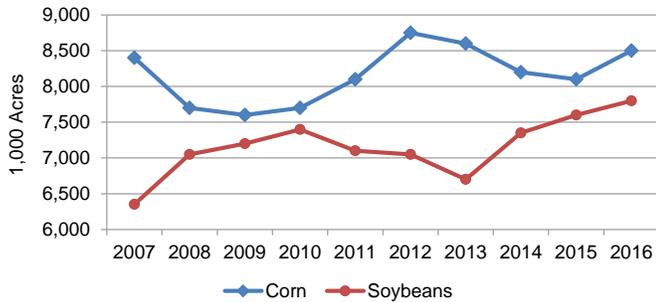
(NA) Not available.

¹ Forecasted

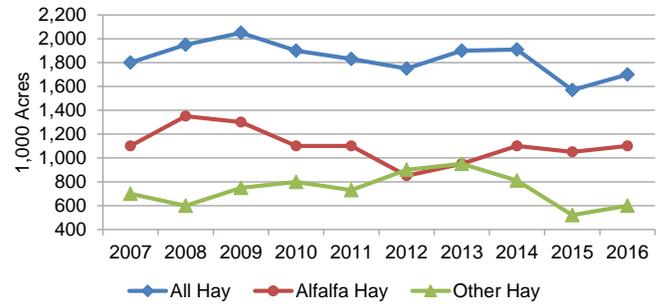
² Area planted for all purposes

³ 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.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acres - Minnesota: 2007-2016



Hay Harvested Acres - Minnesota: 2007-2016



United States Acreage

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2016 is estimated at 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. This represents the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944. Area harvested for grain, at 86.6 million acres, is up 7 percent from last year and if realized represents the third highest area harvested for grain since 1933.

Soybean planted area for 2016 is estimated at a record high 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 83.0 million acres, is also up 1 percent from 2015 and will be a record high if realized. Record high planted acreage is estimated in Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

All wheat planted area for 2016 is estimated at 50.8 million acres, down 7 percent from 2015. The 2016 winter wheat planted area, at 36.5 million acres, is down 7 percent from last year but up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 26.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.58 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2016 is estimated at 12.1 million acres, down 8 percent from 2015. Of this total, about 11.4 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2016 is estimated at 2.15 million acres, up 11 percent from the previous year.