



Minnesota Ag News – 2015 Crop Production

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Corn for grain production in Minnesota during 2015 is estimated at 1.43 billion bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service annual *Crop Production 2015 Summary* report. The estimate is down 1 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 21 percent from 2014. Production is 4 percent higher than the previous state record set in 2012. Minnesota's corn for grain yield is estimated at 188 bushels per acre, 1 bushel more than the November 1 forecast and 32 bushels above 2014. This is the highest yield in Minnesota on record, 11 bushels above the previous record set in 2010. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 7.60 million acres, down 150,000 acres from the November 1 forecast but 50,000 acres above 2014. Corn planted for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 8.1 million acres, down 100,000 acres from the November 1 estimate and 2014.

Corn for silage production is estimated at 9.68 million tons, up 8 percent from 2014. The silage yield estimate of 21.5 tons per acre is 3.5 tons per acre higher than 2014. Producers harvested 450,000 acres of corn for silage, a decrease of 50,000 acres from 2014.

Soybean production is estimated at 378 million bushels in 2015, down slightly from the November 1 forecast but up 25 percent from 2014. Minnesota soybean growers averaged 50.0 bushels per acre in 2015. This is unchanged from the November 1 forecast but up 8.5 bushels from the 2014 yield. The yield is the highest on record, up 4.5 bushels from the previous record set in 2005. The harvested acreage of 7.55 million is down slightly from the November 1 estimate but is 4 percent above 2014. Soybean planted acreage, at 7.60 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2014 and the highest planted acreage on record.

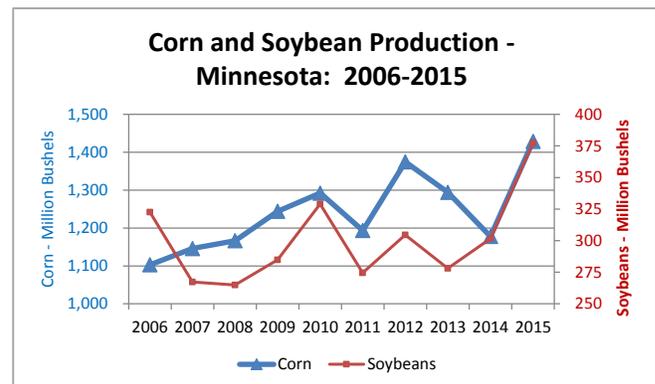
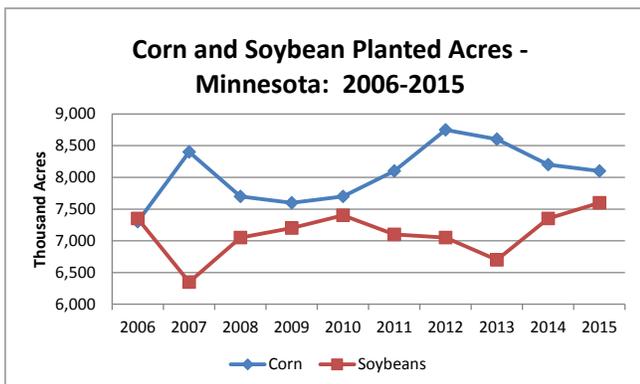
All hay production for the state is estimated at 3.98 million tons, down 11 percent from the 4.49 million tons produced in 2014. Producers averaged 2.53 tons per acre, up from 2.35 tons in 2014. All hay harvested acres is estimated at 1.57 million acres, down 18 percent from 2014.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production is estimated at 2.84 million tons, down 11 percent from 2014. Producers averaged 2.7 tons per acre, 0.2 ton below the 2014 yield. Harvested acres, at 1.05 million, are down 50,000 acres from 2014. Minnesota producers seeded 230,000 acres of alfalfa in 2015, down 20,000 from the previous year.

Other hay production is estimated at 1.14 million tons, 12 percent below 2014. Producers averaged 2.2 tons per acre, up from 1.6 tons per acre in 2014. Harvested acres of other hay, at 520,000, is down 36 percent from the previous year.

Sugarbeet production is estimated at 12.2 million tons, up 25 percent from 2014. Yield averaged 28.0 tons per acre, up 5.5 tons from 2014. The harvested acres at 435,000 is 1,000 more than 2014.

Oil Sunflower production is estimated at 124 million pounds, up 90 percent from 2014. Producers averaged 1,650 pounds per acre, up 14 percent from 2014. Oil sunflower harvested area is 75,000 acres. **Non-oil sunflower** production is estimated at 42.3 million pounds, up 87 percent from 2014. The non-oil sunflower yield is estimated at 1,800 pounds per acre, up 15 percent from 2014. Area harvested for non-oil sunflowers is 23,500 acres.



2015 Crop Production Summary – Minnesota and United States

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
MINNESOTA						
Barleybushels	60	120	52.0	77.0	3,120	9,240
Canola pounds	14.5	21.5	1,650	1,880	23,925	40,420
Corn for Grainbushels	7,550	7,600	156.0	188.0	1,177,800	1,428,800
Corn for Silage tons	500	450	18.0	21.5	9,000	9,675
Dry Edible Beans ¹ tons	148.0	182.0	1,950	2,140	2,886	3,896
Flaxbushels	2	3	24.0	14.0	48	42
Hay, Alfalfa tons	1,100	1,050	2.9	2.7	3,190	2,835
Hay, Other tons	810	520	1.6	2.2	1,296	1,144
Oatsbushels	125	160	63.0	78.0	7,875	12,480
Potatoes cwt	41.0	40.5	400	400	16,400	16,200
Sunflowers, oil pounds	45	75	1,450	1,650	65,250	123,750
Sunflowers, non-oil pounds	14.5	23.5	1,560	1,800	22,620	42,300
Soybeansbushels	7,270	7,550	41.5	50.0	301,705	377,500
Sugarbeets tons	434	435	22.5	28.0	9,765	12,180
Wheat, Springbushels	1,180	1,430	55.0	60.0	64,900	85,800
UNITED STATES						
Barleybushels	2,497	3,109	72.7	68.9	181,542	214,297
Canola pounds	1,556.7	1,714.5	1,614	1,677	2,512,645	2,875,010
Corn for Grainbushels	83,136	80,749	171.0	168.4	14,215,532	13,601,198
Corn for Silage tons	6,371	6,221	20.1	20.4	128,048	126,894
Dry Edible Beans ¹ tons	1,648.6	1,711.4	1,754	1,760	28,910	30,121
Flaxbushels	302	456	21.1	22.1	6,368	10,095
Hay, Alfalfa tons	18,395	17,778	3.34	3.32	61,451	58,974
Hay, Other tons	38,667	36,659	2.03	2.06	78,472	75,414
Oatsbushels	1,035	1,276	67.9	70.2	70,232	89,535
Potatoes cwt	1,051.1	1,053.3	421	418	442,170	440,498
Sunflowers, oil pounds	1,139.5	1,510.0	1,460	1,579	1,664,090	2,383,870
Sunflowers, non-oil pounds	370.6	289.4	1,497	1,865	554,960	539,860
Soybeansbushels	82,591	81,849	47.5	48.0	3,927,090	3,929,885
Sugarbeets tons	1,146.3	1,144.3	27.3	30.8	31,285	35,278
Wheat, Springbushels	12,740	12,941	46.7	46.3	595,038	599,080

¹ Yield in pounds, production in cwt

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ² Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	821	1,232	1,731
Production	13,829	14,216	13,601
Imports	36	32	40
Supply, total	14,686	15,479	15,372
Feed & Residual	5,040	5,315	5,300
Food, Seed & Industrial ..	6,493	6,568	6,570
Domestic, total	11,534	11,883	11,870
Exports	1,920	1,864	1,700
Use, total	13,454	13,748	13,570
Ending Stocks, total	1,232	1,731	1,802
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.46	3.70	3.30 - 3.90

¹ Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report

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U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2013-2014	2014-2015 (Est.)	2015-2016 ² Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	141	92	191
Production	3,358	3,927	3,930
Imports	72	33	30
Supply, total	3,570	4,052	4,150
Crushings	1,734	1,873	1,890
Exports	1,638	1,843	1,690
Seed	97	96	92
Residual	10	49	39
Use, total	3,478	3,862	3,711
Ending stocks	92	191	440
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	13.00	10.10	8.05 - 9.55

¹ Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report

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United States Corn and Soybean Production

Corn for grain production is estimated at 13.6 billion bushels, down slightly from the November forecast and down 4 percent from the 2014 estimate. The average yield in the United States is estimated at 168.4 bushels per acre. This is down 0.9 bushel from the November forecast and 2.6 bushels below the 2014 average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 80.7 million acres, up slightly from the November forecast but down 3 percent from the 2014 acreage.

Soybean production in 2015 totaled a record 3.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the November forecast but up slightly from 2014. The average yield per acre is estimated at a record high 48.0 bushels, 0.3 bushel below the November forecast but 0.5 bushel above the 2014 yield. Harvested area is down less than 1 percent from last year's record acreage to 81.8 million acres.

The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.