



Minnesota Ag News – Acreage

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Corn planted in 2017 for all purposes by Minnesota producers is estimated at 8.00 million acres according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Acreage* report. This is a decrease of 5 percent from 2016, but unchanged from the March intentions. An estimated 7.55 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain. Producers reported planting biotechnology varieties on 94 percent of their 2017 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 10 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 82 percent of the acres.

Soybean acreage planted is estimated at a record high 8.20 million, surpassing the previous record of 7.60 million acres planted in 2015, but 50,000 acres less than the March intentions. An expected 8.15 million acres of soybeans will be harvested. If realized, this would top 2015's record harvested acreage by 600,000 acres. Producers reported using herbicide resistant seed varieties to plant 96 percent of their 2017 soybean acres.

Spring wheat planted in Minnesota is estimated at 1.31 million acres, the same as last year but 20,000 acres above the March intentions. Spring wheat harvested for grain is forecast at 1.27 million acres, up 10,000 acres from last year.

Winter wheat planted acreage is estimated at 20,000 acres, with an expected 18,000 acres harvested for grain. **Oats** planted acreage is estimated at 230,000, up 20,000 acres from last year and 50,000 acres above the March intentions. An estimated 100,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain.

Total dry **hay** expected to be harvested for 2017 is estimated at 1.60 million acres, up 80,000 acres from 2016. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is down 100,000 acres from last year to an estimated 900,000 acres. **Other hay** harvested acreage is estimated at 700,000 acres, up 180,000 acres from 2016.

Sugarbeets acreage is estimated at 432,000 planted acres, 5,000 acres below 2016 but 2,000 acres above March intentions. An expected 417,000 acres of sugarbeets will be harvested.

Crop Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2016 and 2017

Crop	Minnesota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2016	2017	2016	2017 ¹	2016	2017	2016	2017 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.....	95	110	79	85	3,052	2,376	2,558	1,946
Canola.....	29.0	30.0	27.5	28.5	1,714.0	2,161.0	1,685.7	2,111.3
Corn for grain ²	8,450	8,000	8,000	7,550	94,004	90,886	86,748	83,496
Dry beans.....	155.0	170.0	147.0	163.0	1,662.0	1,823.0	1,558.6	1,766.0
Hay, all.....	(NA)	(NA)	1,520	1,600	(NA)	(NA)	53,461	53,518
Hay, alfalfa	(NA)	(NA)	1,000	900	(NA)	(NA)	16,885	17,111
Hay, other	(NA)	(NA)	520	700	(NA)	(NA)	36,576	36,407
Oats	210	230	120	100	2,828	2,536	981	880
Potatoes, fall	40.0	45.0	39.0	44.0	920.8	907.8	899.0	901.4
Soybeans	7,550	8,200	7,500	8,150	83,433	89,513	82,736	88,731
Sugarbeets.....	437.0	432.0	417.0	417.0	1,163.4	1,131.5	1,126.2	1,107.9
Sunflowers, all.....	80.0	49.0	77.5	47.5	1,596.6	1,265.0	1,534.0	1,214.0
Sunflowers, oil.....	66.0	33.0	64.0	32.0	1,418.0	1,079.0	1,368.5	1,038.5
Sunflowers, non-oil....	14.0	16.0	13.5	15.5	178.6	186.0	165.5	175.5
Wheat, all.....	1,321	1,330	1,268	1,288	50,154	45,657	43,890	38,115
Wheat, spring.....	1,310	1,310	1,260	1,270	11,605	10,899	11,303	10,497
Wheat, winter	11	20	8	18	36,137	32,839	30,222	25,760
Principal crops ³	19,887	20,196	19,585	(NA)	319,242	318,184	(NA)	(NA)

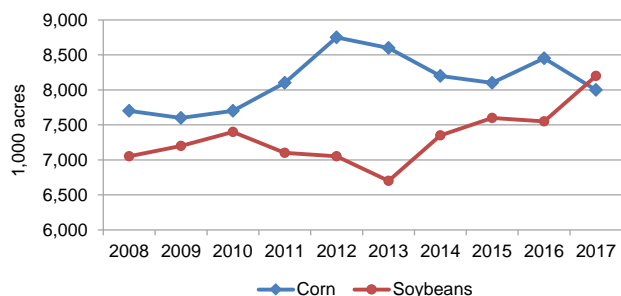
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¹ Forecasted

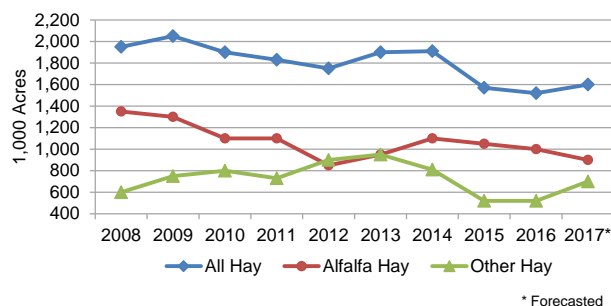
² Area planted for all purposes

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: 2008-2017**



**Hay Harvested Acres
Minnesota: 2008-2017**



United States Acreage

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2017 is estimated at 90.9 million acres, down 3 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are down or unchanged in 38 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 83.5 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year.

Soybean planted area for 2017 is estimated at a record high 89.5 million acres, up 7 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged in 24 of the 31 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2017 is estimated at 45.7 million acres, down 9 percent from 2016. This represents the lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2017 winter wheat planted area, at 32.8 million acres, is down 9 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.8 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.42 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2017 is estimated at 10.9 million acres, down 6 percent from 2016. Of this total, about 10.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2017 is estimated at 1.92 million acres, down 20 percent from the previous year.