



# Minnesota Ag News – Acreage

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**Corn** planted in 2018 for all purposes by Minnesota producers is estimated at 7.80 million acres according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Acreage* report. This is a decrease of 3 percent from 2017, but 300,000 acres above the March intentions. An estimated 7.40 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain. Producers reported planting biotechnology varieties on 93 percent of their 2018 corn acres. The percent of corn acreage planted to insect resistant (Bt) varieties is estimated at 1 percent, herbicide resistant only varieties were planted on 9 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 83 percent of the acres.

**Soybean** planted acreage is estimated at 7.80 million acres, a decrease of 4 percent from the record high acres planted in 2017 and 100,000 acres below the March intentions. An expected 7.74 million acres of soybeans will be harvested. If realized, this would be the second largest harvested acres on record for Minnesota, 350,000 acres below the record high harvested acres set in 2017. Producers reported using herbicide resistant varieties to plant 95 percent of their 2018 soybean acres.

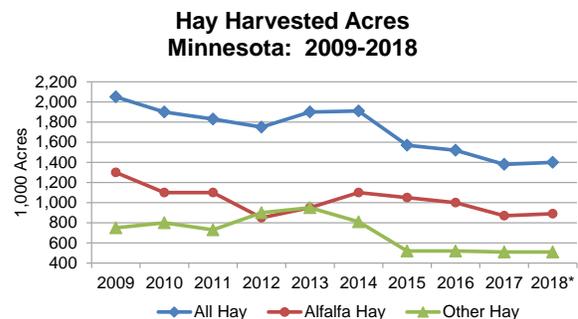
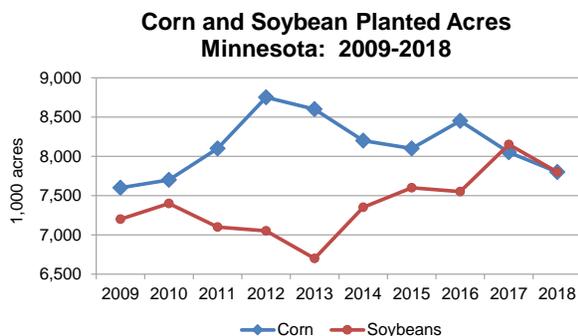
**Spring wheat** planted in Minnesota is estimated at 1.60 million acres, 440,000 acres above last year, but unchanged from the March intentions. Spring wheat harvested for grain is forecast at 1.56 million acres, up 430,000 acres from last year. If realized, this would be the largest acreage harvested in Minnesota since 2008.

**Winter wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 11,000 acres, with an expected 7,000 acres harvested for grain. **Oats** planted acreage is estimated at 250,000, up 80,000 acres from last year and 20,000 acres above the March intentions. An estimated 120,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain.

**Fall Potato** acreage in Minnesota is estimated at 44,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from the previous year. Fall potato planted acreage by type of potato consists of 69 percent Russets, 19 percent Reds, 10 percent Whites, and 2 percent Yellows.

Total dry **hay** expected to be harvested for 2018 is estimated at 1.40 million acres, up 20,000 acres from 2017. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is up 20,000 acres from last year to an estimated 890,000 acres. **Other hay** harvested acreage is estimated at 510,000 acres, unchanged from 2017.

**Sugarbeet** acreage is estimated at 410,000 planted acres, 10,000 acres below 2017 and 13,000 acres below the March intentions. An expected 395,000 acres of sugarbeets will be harvested.



\* Forecasted

## Crop Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2017 and 2018

Crop	Minnesota				United States			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2017	2018	2017	2018 <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018	2017	2018 <sup>1</sup>
	(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 .....	80	80	68	67	2,481	2,549	1,954	2,046
Canola .....	36.0	35.0	34.5	33.5	2,077.0	2,053.5	2,002.0	2,016.1
Corn for grain <sup>2</sup> .....	8,050	7,800	7,630	7,400	90,167	89,128	82,703	81,770
Dry beans .....	170.0	165.0	163.0	158.0	2,092.0	1,834.0	2,012.7	1,777.5
Hay, all .....	(NA)	(NA)	1,380	1,400	(NA)	(NA)	53,784	55,068
Hay, alfalfa .....	(NA)	(NA)	870	890	(NA)	(NA)	16,563	17,351
Hay, other .....	(NA)	(NA)	510	510	(NA)	(NA)	37,221	37,717
Oats .....	170	250	95	120	2,588	2,889	801	1,009
Potatoes, fall .....	46.0	44.0	45.5	43.0	908.0	911.7	902.3	904.4
Soybeans .....	8,150	7,800	8,090	7,740	90,142	89,557	89,522	88,862
Sugarbeets .....	420.0	410.0	409.0	395.0	1,131.2	1,115.8	1,114.1	1,093.4
Sunflowers, all .....	38.7	34.0	37.2	32.7	1,403.0	1,461.0	1,344.7	1,406.2
Sunflowers, oil .....	34.0	30.0	33.0	29.0	1,216.0	1,314.0	1,172.0	1,269.5
Sunflowers, non-oil ....	4.7	4.0	4.2	3.7	187.0	147.0	172.7	136.7
Wheat, all .....	1,170	1,611	1,135	1,567	46,012	47,821	37,586	39,571
Wheat, spring .....	1,160	1,600	1,130	1,560	11,009	13,202	10,159	12,899
Wheat, winter .....	10	11	5	7	32,696	32,732	25,291	24,831
Principal crops <sup>3</sup> .....	19,711	19,629	(NA)	(NA)	319,148	322,053	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Forecasted

<sup>2</sup> Area planted for all purposes

<sup>3</sup> 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 2018 is estimated at 89.1 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acres are down or unchanged in 31 of the 48 estimating States. Area harvested for grain, at 81.8 million acres, is down 1 percent from last year.

Soybean planted area for 2018 is estimated at 89.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is down or unchanged in 14 of the 31 estimating States.

All wheat planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.8 million acres, up 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 winter wheat planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.89 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.62 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2018 is estimated at 13.2 million acres, up 20 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.7 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2018 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 18 percent from the previous year.