



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Production

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Minnesota **corn** production is forecast at 1.41 billion bushels, down 5 percent from last year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 191 bushels per acre, a decrease of 3 bushels per acre from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 7.80 million acres. An estimated 7.40 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 379 million bushels, down fractionally from last year. The yield is forecast at 49.0 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above 2017. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 7.80 million acres with 7.74 million acres to be harvested.

**Spring wheat** production is estimated at 98.3 million bushels, an increase of 30 percent from 2017. Yield is forecast at 63.0 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from both the July forecast and the 2017 yield.

**Oat** production for grain is forecast at 8.28 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 69.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from July but down 6.0 bushels from 2017.

**Barley** production is forecast at 5.36 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2017. Yield is forecast at 80.0 bushels an acre, 4.0 bushels above that of 2017.

**Sugarbeet** production is estimated at 11.4 million tons, down 9 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 29.3 tons per acre, down 1.3 tons from last year.

Minnesota hay yield for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is forecast at 3.20 tons per acre, with a total production of 2.85 million tons, a 2 percent decrease in production from 2017. The forecast yield for **other hay** is 2.20 tons per acre, with a production of 1.12 million tons.

The forecasts in this report are based on August 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next crop production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 12.

## Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Minnesota and United States: 2017 and Forecasted August 1, 2018

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017	2018	2017 (1,000)	2018 (1,000)
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
Barley..... bushels	68	67	76.0	80.0	5,168	5,360
Corn ..... bushels	7,630	7,400	194.0	191.0	1,480,220	1,413,400
Dry beans <sup>1</sup> .....	163.0	167.0	2,190	2,270	3,567	3,791
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	870	890	3.35	3.20	2,915	2,848
Hay, other..... tons	510	510	1.90	2.20	969	1,122
Oats ..... bushels	95	120	75.0	69.0	7,125	8,280
Soybeans ..... bushels	8,090	7,740	47.0	49.0	380,230	379,260
Sugarbeets..... tons	409.0	390.5	30.6	29.3	12,515	11,442
Wheat, spring ..... bushels	1,130	1,560	67.0	63.0	75,710	98,280
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Barley..... bushels	1,954	2,046	72.6	76.3	141,923	156,176
Corn ..... bushels	82,703	81,770	176.6	178.4	14,604,067	14,586,485
Dry beans <sup>1</sup> .....	2,012.7	1,987.0	1,781	1,809	35,845	35,938
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	16,563	17,351	3.32	3.33	55,068	57,778
Hay, other..... tons	37,221	37,717	2.05	1.88	76,387	70,726
Oats ..... bushels	801	1,009	61.7	65.1	49,391	65,668
Soybeans ..... bushels	89,522	88,862	49.1	51.6	4,391,553	4,585,916
Sugarbeets..... tons	1,114.1	1,083.3	31.7	32.5	35,325	35,250
Wheat, spring ..... bushels	10,159	12,899	41.0	47.6	416,236	614,154

<sup>1</sup> Yield in lbs, production in cwt.

## Dry Edible Beans, Area Planted by Commercial Class – Minnesota: 2017 and Forecasted August 1, 2018

Commercial Class	Planted	
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)
Navy.....	41.4	38.0
Pinto.....	15.9	8.8
Light red kidney.....	15.8	14.3
Dark red kidney.....	44.2	53.6
Black.....	40.5	40.0

## U.S. Corn Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

CORN	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 <sup>2</sup> Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	1,737	2,293	2,027
Production	15,148	14,604	14,586
Imports	57	40	50
<b>Supply, total</b>	16,942	16,937	16,664
Feed & residual	5,470	5,450	5,525
Food, seed & industrial	6,885	7,060	7,105
<b>Domestic, total</b>	12,355	12,510	12,630
Exports	2,294	2,400	2,350
<b>Use, total</b>	14,649	14,910	14,980
<b>Ending stocks</b>	2,293	2,027	1,684
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	3.36	3.35 - 3.45	3.10 - 4.10

<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report  
<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary

## U.S. Soybean Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

SOYBEANS	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 <sup>2</sup> Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	197	302	430
Production	4,296	4,392	4,586
Imports	22	22	25
<b>Supply, total</b>	4,515	4,715	5,040
Crushings	1,901	2,040	2,060
Exports	2,166	2,110	2,060
Seed	105	104	103
Residual	41	32	33
<b>Use, total</b>	4,214	4,286	4,256
<b>Ending stocks</b>	302	430	785
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	9.47	9.35	7.65 - 10.15

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## U.S. Wheat Supply and Use <sup>1</sup>

CORN	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 <sup>2</sup> Projections August
	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>	<i>(million bushels)</i>
Beginning stocks	976	1,181	1,100
Production	2,309	1,741	1,877
Imports	118	157	135
<b>Supply, total</b>	3,402	3,079	3,112
Food	949	964	970
Seed	61	64	62
Feed & residual	161	48	120
<b>Domestic, total</b>	1,171	1,077	1,152
Exports	1,051	901	1,025
<b>Use, total</b>	2,222	1,978	2,177
<b>Ending stocks</b>	1,181	1,100	935
Avg. Farm price (\$/bu)	3.89	4.73	4.60 - 5.60

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<http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm>

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## United States Summary

Corn production is forecast at 14.6 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 178.4 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from 2017. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but down 1 percent from 2017.

Soybean production is forecast at 4.59 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 51.6 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 88.9 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast, but down 1 percent from 2017.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 614 million bushels, up slightly from the July forecast and up 48 percent from last year. If realized, this represents the third highest production on record. Area harvested for grain or seed is expected to total 12.9 million acres, unchanged from last month, but 27 percent above 2017. The United States yield is forecast at a record high 47.6 bushels per acre, unchanged from the July forecast, but up 6.6 bushels from last year. Of the total production, 583 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 51 percent from last year.