



NORTHEASTERN ACREAGE REPORT

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Northeastern Acreage 2015 Summary:

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Corn Area Planted for All Purposes and Harvested for Grain – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted for all purposes		Area harvested for grain	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Connecticut ²	26	24	(NA)	(NA)
Delaware	175	190	168	185
Maine ²	31	31	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland	500	460	430	370
Massachusetts ²	16	15	(NA)	(NA)
New Hampshire ²	15	14	(NA)	(NA)
New Jersey	85	80	79	72
New York	1,140	1,120	680	670
Pennsylvania	1,460	1,480	1,030	990
Rhode Island ²	2	2	(NA)	(NA)
Vermont ²	92	92	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Forecasted.

²Area harvested for grain not estimated.

Oat Area Planted and Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted ¹		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Maine	32	32	31	31
New York	55	75	40	50
Pennsylvania	90	95	60	60

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

² Forecasted.

Barley Area Planted and Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted ¹		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Delaware	41	37	31	27
Maine	13	15	12	14
Maryland	70	55	45	39
New York	12	13	8	10
Pennsylvania	70	65	50	45

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

² Forecasted.

Winter Wheat Area Planted and Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted ¹		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Delaware	80	75	75	70
Maryland	340	360	250	260
New Jersey	33	29	25	23
New York	120	125	95	118
Pennsylvania	185	200	150	170

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

² Forecasted.

Hay Area Harvested by Type – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	All hay		Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures		All other	
	2014	2015 ¹	2014	2015 ¹	2014	2015 ¹
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Connecticut	53	53	8	7	45	46
Delaware	13	14	4	4	9	10
Maine	150	135	10	10	140	125
Maryland	195	215	35	35	160	180
Massachusetts	75	79	10	9	65	70
New Hampshire	54	51	4	3	50	48
New Jersey	106	98	14	13	92	85
New York	1,370	1,420	290	360	1,080	1,060
Pennsylvania	1,400	1,410	350	360	1,050	1,050
Rhode Island	7	9	1	1	6	8
Vermont	185	190	35	40	150	150

¹Forecasted.

Soybean Area Planted and Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Delaware	185	165	183	163
Maryland	510	520	505	515
New Jersey	105	105	103	103
New York	330	320	327	317
Pennsylvania	610	660	605	655

¹ Forecasted.

Tobacco Area Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area harvested	
	2014	2015 ¹
	(acres)	(acres)
Connecticut	(D)	(D)
Massachusetts	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	9,100	8,700

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Forecasted.

Dry Edible Bean Area Planted and Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

[Excludes beans grown for garden seed]

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
New York	8.0	10.0	7.7	9.7

¹ Forecasted.

Sweet Potato Area Planted and Harvested – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
New Jersey	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1

¹ Forecasted.

Potato Area Planted and Harvested by Seasonal Group – Northeastern Region: 2014 and 2015

State	Area planted		Area harvested	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)
Summer				
Delaware	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Maryland	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4
New Jersey.....	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0
Fall				
Maine	51.0	51.5	50.5	51.0
Massachusetts	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.6
New York	16.0	16.5	15.8	16.2
Pennsylvania	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.2
Rhode Island	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6

¹Forecasted.

United States Overview

Corn: The 2015 corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010. Growers expect to harvest 81.1 million acres for grain, down 2 percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 98 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview, the same as the 10-year average.

Planted acreage for 2015 is at the same level or down across most of the Corn Belt with the exception of Wisconsin, which increased planted acreage from 2014.

By April 19, producers had planted 9 percent of the Nation's corn crop. This was 3 percentage points ahead of last year but 4 points behind the 5-year average. Improved fieldwork conditions facilitated rapid planting progress, particularly in Illinois and Minnesota, and by April 26 producers had planted 19 percent of the Nation's corn crop. This was 2 percentage points ahead of 2014 but still 6 points behind the 5-year average.

Good fieldwork conditions continued through the beginning of May, with producers planting 55 percent of this year's corn crop by May 3, twenty-seven percentage points ahead of last year and 17 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. The rapid planting progress during this one week period tied the third-highest National weekly planting progress week on record. Planting progress advanced more than 40 percentage points in Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and North Dakota during this week. By May 10, producers had planted 75 percent of the Nation's corn crop, 20 percentage points ahead of 2014 and 18 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. States in the eastern Corn Belt that had previously lagged in planting progress experienced excellent conditions for fieldwork. By May 10, emergence had advanced to 29 percent complete, 13 percentage points ahead of last year and 5 points ahead of the 5-year average.

By May 17, the majority of the Nation's corn crop, 56 percent, had emerged. This was 24 percentage points ahead of 2014 and 16 points ahead of the 5-year average. By May 24, ninety-two percent of the 2015 corn crop was planted, 6 percentage points ahead of 2014 and 4 points ahead of the 5-year average. Nationally, 74 percent of this year's corn crop was emerged by this time, with 74 percent of the corn crop reported in good to excellent condition.

By the end of May, at least 90 percent of the corn had emerged in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Overall, 74 percent of the corn crop was reported in good to excellent condition, 2 percentage points below the same time last year.

Oats: Area seeded to oats for the 2015 crop year is estimated at 3.06 million acres, up 13 percent from 2014. However, this represents the fifth-lowest United States planted area on record. Record low planted acreage is estimated in Illinois, Utah, Texas, and Wyoming. Growers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up 19 percent from last year, but represents the fifth-lowest harvested acreage on record. Record low harvested acreage is expected in Arkansas, California, Utah, and Wyoming.

Oat seeding was well underway by April 5 with 32 percent of the Nation's crop sown. By May 3, eighty-five percent of the crop was seeded, 18 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. As of May 31, oat emergence was ahead of the normal pace and 30 percent of the crop was heading, 3 percentage points behind the five-year average. As of June 21, sixty-seven percent of the crop was rated in good to excellent condition, compared with 64 percent at the same time last year.

Barley: Producers seeded 3.41 million acres of barley for the 2015 crop year, up 15 percent from the previous year. Despite the increase, this represents the fourth-lowest seeded area on record. Harvested acres at 2.92 million acres, is up 19 percent from 2014. Record low planted acreage is estimated in California and Utah.

Twenty-seven percent of the Nation's barley was planted by April 12, twelve percentage points ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Planting progress was well ahead of the historical pace in the Pacific Northwest, with 65 percent planted in Idaho and 55 percent planted in Washington on April 12.

Nationwide, barley producers had seeded 75 percent of the Nation's crop by May 3, thirty-one percentage points ahead of last year and 28 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. By May 3, emergence was evident in 39 percent of the Nation's barley fields, 23 percentage points ahead of last year and 22 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. At the beginning of May, the emergence of barley was more than 20 percentage points ahead of normal in Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, and Washington. By May 17, ninety-five percent of the barley crop was seeded, 29 percentage points ahead of last year and 25 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Ninety-five percent of the barley crop was emerged by May 31, twenty-two percentage points ahead of last year and 25 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

Winter wheat: The 2015 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 40.6 million acres, down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate and down 4 percent from last year. States with notable acreage increases from the previous estimate are Alabama and Texas. Of the total acreage, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.44 million are White Winter.

Area harvested for grain is forecast at 33.3 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous forecast but up 3 percent from last year. Harvested acres are down from last year in the Northern Great Plains due to dry conditions. Conversely, increases from last year are expected in Montana and the Northwest.

In the Southern Great Plains (Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas) harvested area is forecast at 16.1 million acres, up 16 percent from last year.

As of June 21, harvest was 19 percent complete, 12 percentage points behind the 5-year average pace. Harvest in Kansas, the leading producing State, was 8 percent complete at this time, 25 percentage points behind normal.

Hay: Producers intend to harvest 56.5 million acres of all hay in 2015, down 1 percent from 2014. The expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.3 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from 2014. All other types of hay harvested are expected to total 38.2 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014.

Harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures is expected to hold steady or decline in many Western States. The most noteworthy declines to other hay harvested acreage are expected throughout the Southern Plains and Southeast.

A record low for all hay harvested area is expected in California and Ohio in 2015.

Soybeans: The 2015 soybean planted area is estimated at a record high 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged in 20 of the 31 major producing States. Increases of 200,000 acres or more are anticipated in Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Tennessee. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2014 and will be a record high by nearly 1.4 million acres, if realized.

Planting of the 2015 soybean crop started off the month of May ahead of the normal pace, estimated at 13 percent complete by May 3, eight percentage points ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Good fieldwork conditions especially benefited the upper Midwest with planting progress in Minnesota 25 percentage points and North Dakota 11 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average on May 3. By May 24, producers had planted 61 percent of this year's soybean crop, 6 percentage points ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Thirty-two percent of the soybean crop was emerged by May 24, nine percentage points ahead of last year and 7 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. In Minnesota, 49 percent of the soybean crop was emerged by May 24, thirty-four percentage points—or about 10 days—ahead of the 5-year average. By May 31, seventy-one percent of the Nation's soybean crop was planted, 4 percentage points behind last year but slightly ahead of the 5-year average. By the end of the month, wet conditions slowed the planting pace in the central United States, with planting progress 42 percentage points behind the 5-year average in Kansas and 34 percentage points behind in Missouri.

Nationally, 49 percent of the soybean crop was emerged by May 31, three percentage points ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Seventy-five percent of the Nation's soybeans were emerged by June 14, six percentage points behind last year and 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Emergence progress was 17 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average on June 14 in Wisconsin, but 37 percentage points or more behind the 5-year average in Kansas and Missouri.

Producers planted 94 percent of the 2015 soybean acreage to herbicide resistant seed varieties, unchanged from 2014.

Tobacco: United States all tobacco area for harvest in 2015 is estimated at 320,950 acres, down 15 percent from 2014. Tobacco acreage is down from the previous year in all States.

Flue-cured tobacco, at 206,800 acres, is 16 percent below 2014. Flue-cured tobacco accounts for 64 percent of this year's total tobacco acreage. Burley tobacco, at 84,000 acres, is 17 percent below last year.

Fire-cured tobacco, at 17,450 acres, is down 6 percent from 2014. Dark air-cured tobacco, at 6,200 acres, is up 1 percent from last year. All cigar type tobacco harvested area, at 4,500 acres, is 6 percent below last year.

Dry beans: United States dry edible bean planted area is estimated at 1.71 million acres for 2015, down less than 1 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 1.66 million acres, also down less than 1 percent from the previous year. Planted area is lower than last year in 8 of the 18 estimating States.

In North Dakota, planting was 62 percent complete by May 31, ahead of last year's pace of 54 percent. By mid-June, planting was 93 percent complete with 70 percent emerged, which was ahead of the 5-year average of 56 percent.

In Michigan, as of May 31, only 2 percent of dry beans had been planted due to cool, wet conditions. However, by June 14, seventy percent of the crop was planted. Heavy rains during the first two weeks in June drowned out some bean fields, which will have to be replanted. Emergence is behind last year by 3 percentage points largely due to the late start in planting.

Sweet potatoes: Planted area of sweet potatoes is estimated at 138,700 acres, up 1 percent from the previous year.

Weather conditions in several States during April and May were wetter than normal which delayed planting. In North Carolina, as of June 14, sixty-one percent of the sweet potatoes had been planted. Most growers in Mississippi were on track to complete planting by the end of June.

Summer potatoes: Growers planted an estimated 49,300 acres of summer potatoes in 2015, down 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 48,400 acres, 1 percent below 2014.

Fall potatoes: Growers planted an estimated 955,300 acres of fall potatoes, up 2 percent from 2014. Harvested area is forecast at 946,000 acres, 2 percent above 2014.

In Idaho and Washington, planting progressed ahead of normal and was complete in both States by the end of May. The majority of the crop in Washington was reported in good condition as of June 22.

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