



Wisconsin Ag News – Acreage

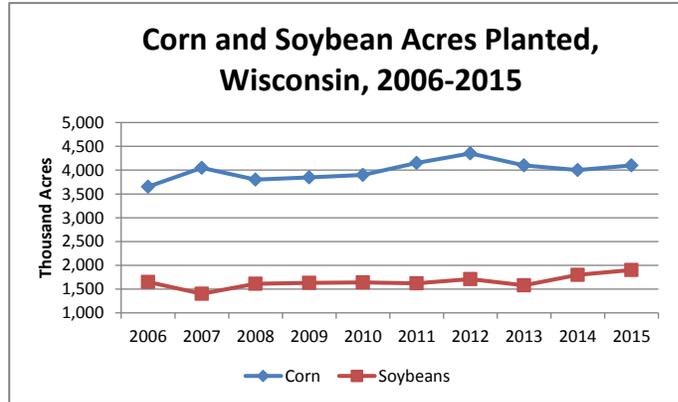
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Corn planted for all purposes in Wisconsin is estimated at 4.10 million acres according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Acreage* report. This is equal to the March intentions but a 100,000 acre increase from 2014. An estimated 3.10 million acres are expected to be harvested for grain. Producers also reported the percent of genetically modified (GM) seed varieties used to plant the 2015 corn acres. The percent of Wisconsin’s corn acreage planted to insect resistant (Bt) varieties is estimated at 3 percent, herbicide resistant only varieties were planted on 19 percent of the acres, and stacked gene varieties were planted on 70 percent of the acres. Overall, 92 percent of the corn acreage was planted to GM seed.



Soybean acreage in Wisconsin is estimated at a record high 1.90 million acres planted, up 50,000 acres from March intentions and up 100,000 acres from last year. Area for harvest at 1.88 million acres, if realized, will break the previous record by 90,000 acres. Producers also reported the percent of genetically modified (GM) seed varieties used to plant the 2015 soybean acres. Ninety-three percent of Wisconsin’s soybean acreage was planted with herbicide resistant GM seed.

Winter wheat planted is estimated at 260,000 acres, while an estimated 230,000 acres will be harvested for grain. **Oats** planted acreage, estimated at 350,000, is up 95,000 acres from last year’s acreage and the most acres planted since 2005. An estimated 210,000 acres will be harvested for grain. **Barley**, at 24,000 planted acres, is down 2,000 acres from 2014. An estimated 14,000 acres of the barley crop will be harvested for grain.

Total dry **hay** harvested for 2015 is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 10,000 acres from 2014. **Alfalfa** harvested acreage is up 50,000 acres from last year at an estimated 1.30 million acres. **Other hay** harvested is estimated at 350,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2014.

Dry bean acreage, at 7,900 planted acres, is unchanged from 2014’s planted acres. **Fall potato** acres planted are estimated to be 66,000 acres and an estimated 65,000 acres will be harvested.

Crop Summary – Wisconsin and United States: 2014 and 2015

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹		Planted for All Purposes		Harvested for Grain ¹	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(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.....	26	24	16	14	2,975	3,413	2,443	2,919
Corn, All	4,000	4,100	3,110	3,100	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101
Dry Beans	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	1,718.9	1,708.9	1,665.7	1,656.8
Hay, All.....	(NA)	(NA)	1,640	1,650	(NA)	(NA)	57,092	56,539
Hay, Alfalfa	(NA)	(NA)	1,250	1,300	(NA)	(NA)	18,445	18,337
Hay, Other	(NA)	(NA)	390	350	(NA)	(NA)	38,647	38,202
Oats	255	350	140	210	2,723	3,064	1,029	1,220
Potatoes, Fall	64.0	66.0	63.0	65.0	936.9	955.3	929.5	946.0
Soybeans	1,800	1,900	1,790	1,880	83,701	85,139	83,061	84,449
Wheat, Winter.....	295	260	250	230	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329
Principal crops ²	8,088	8,358	7,867	(NA)	326,784	325,669	309,047	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Harvested for principal use of each crop.

² 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 2015 is estimated at 88.9 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. This represents the lowest planted acreage in the in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 85.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 84.4 million acres, is also up 2 percent from 2014 and will be record high, if realized. Record high planted acreage is estimated in Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 56.1 million acres, down 1 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.6 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year and down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.61 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.44 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.5 million acres, up 4 percent from 2014. Of this total, about 12.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.95 million acres, up 40 percent from the previous year.