



Wisconsin Ag News – 2018 Crop Production

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Corn for grain production in Wisconsin during 2018 is estimated at 545 million bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service *Crop Production 2018 Summary* report. This estimate is up 3 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 7 percent from 2017. Wisconsin's corn for grain yield is estimated at 172 bushels per acre, 5 bushels below the November 1 forecast. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 3.17 million acres, up 170,000 acres from the November 1 forecast and 240,000 acres above 2017. Corn planted for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 3.90 million acres, equal to the November 1 estimate and 2017.

Corn for silage production is estimated at 13.4 million tons, down 20 percent from 2017. The silage yield estimate of 20.0 tons per acre is 1.0 ton higher than 2017. Producers harvested 670,000 acres of corn for silage, a decrease of 210,000 acres from 2017.

Soybean production is estimated at 106 million bushels in 2018, down 1.47 million bushels from the November 1 forecast but 4 percent above 2017. Wisconsin soybean growers averaged 49.0 bushels per acre in 2018, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but 1.5 bushels above the 2017 yield. The harvested acreage of 2.16 million is down 30,000 acres from the November 1 estimate but 20,000 acres above 2017. Soybean planted acreage, at 2.20 million acres, is up 2 percent from 2017. Soybean planted and harvested acreage set new record highs.

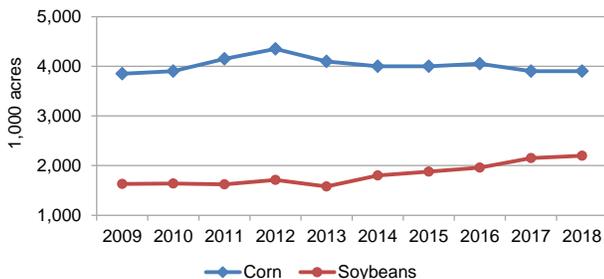
All hay production for the state is estimated at 2.95 million tons, down 16 percent from 3.52 million tons in 2017. Producers averaged 2.17 tons per acre, down from 2.77 tons per acre in 2017. All hay harvested acres are estimated at 1.36 million acres, up 90,000 acres from 2017.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures production is estimated at 1.93 million tons, down 29 percent from 2.73 million tons in 2017. Producers averaged 2.35 tons per acre, down from 3.00 tons per acre in 2017. Harvested acres, at 820,000, were down 90,000 acres from 2017. Wisconsin producers seeded 310,000 acres of new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures in 2018, up 10,000 acres from the previous year.

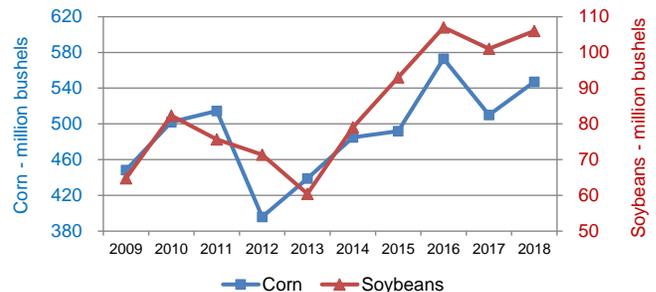
Other hay production is estimated at 1.03 million tons, 30 percent above 2017. Producers averaged 1.90 tons per acre, down from 2.20 tons per acre in 2017. Harvested acres of other hay, at 540,000, were up 180,000 acres from the previous year.

Potato production for 2018 is estimated at 28.4 million cwt, down 5 percent from 2017. Yield is estimated at 400 cwt per acre, down 25 cwt per acre from last year. Planted and harvested acres are estimated at 72,000 acres and 71,000 acres, respectively.

**Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage
Wisconsin: 2009-2018**



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Crop Production Summary – Wisconsin and United States: 2017-2018

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017	2018	2017 (1,000)	2018 (1,000)
WISCONSIN								
Corn for Grain ¹bushels	3,900	3,900	2,930	3,170	174.0	172.0	509,820	545,240
Corn for Silage..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	880	670	19.0	20.0	16,720	13,400
Hay, all tons	(NA)	(NA)	1,270	1,360	2.77	2.17	3,522	2,953
Hay, Alfalfa tons	(NA)	(NA)	910	820	3.00	2.35	2,730	1,927
Hay, Other tons	(NA)	(NA)	360	540	2.20	1.90	792	1,026
Oats.....bushels	180	200	85	90	59.0	61.0	5,015	5,490
Potatoes, fall cwt	71.0	72.0	70.0	71.0	425	400	29,750	28,400
Soybeans.....bushels	2,150	2,200	2,140	2,160	47.5	49.0	101,650	105,840
Wheat, Winter.....bushels	210	240	170	200	68.0	71.0	11,560	14,200
UNITED STATES								
Corn for Grainbushels	90,167	89,129	82,733	81,740	176.6	176.4	14,609,407	14,420,101
Corn for Silage..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	6,385	6,113	20.0	19.9	127,434	121,361
Hay, all tons	(NA)	(NA)	52,777	52,839	2.43	2.34	128,207	123,600
Hay, Alfalfa tons	(NA)	(NA)	17,007	16,608	3.28	3.17	55,812	52,634
Hay, Other tons	(NA)	(NA)	35,770	36,231	2.02	1.96	72,395	70,966
Oats.....bushels	2,589	2,746	804	865	61.7	64.9	49,585	56,130
Potatoes, fall cwt	919.7	924.9	914.7	918.6	445	458	406,800	420,281
Soybeans.....bushels	90,162	89,196	89,542	88,110	49.3	51.6	4,411,633	4,543,883
Wheat, Winter.....bushels	32,726	32,535	25,301	24,742	50.2	47.9	1,270,282	1,183,939

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

U.S. Corn Supply and Use ¹

CORN	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 ² Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	1,737	2,293	2,140
Production	15,148	14,609	14,420
Imports	57	36	40
Supply, total	16,942	16,939	16,600
Feed & Residual	5,470	5,304	5,375
Food, Seed & Industrial	6,885	7,056	7,040
Domestic, total	12,355	12,360	12,415
Exports	2,294	2,438	2,450
Use, total	14,649	14,799	14,865
Ending Stocks, total	2,293	2,140	1,735
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	3.36	3.36	3.35 - 3.85

¹ Source: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report

² Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Est.)	2018-2019 ² Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning Stocks	197	302	438
Production	4,296	4,412	4,544
Imports	22	22	20
Supply, total	4,516	4,735	5,002
Crushings	1,901	2,055	2,090
Exports	2,166	2,129	1,875
Seed	105	104	96
Residual	42	9	31
Use, total	4,214	4,297	4,092
Ending stocks	302	438	910
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	9.47	9.33	8.10 - 9.10

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United States Corn and Soybean Production

Corn for grain production in 2018 was estimated at 14.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the 2017 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 176.4 bushels per acre, 0.2 bushel below the 2017 record yield of 176.6 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 81.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the 2017 estimate.

Soybean production in 2018 totaled a record 4.54 billion bushels, up 3 percent from 2017. The average yield per acre was estimated at 51.6 bushels, up 2.3 bushels from 2017, but 0.3 bushel below the record yield in 2016. Harvested area was down 2 percent from 2017 to 88.1 million acres.

The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.