



WISCONSIN FARM REPORTER

2015 Crop Planting Intentions

Wisconsin

The annual *Prospective Plantings* report published by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service is based on the voluntary responses from approximately 1,500 Wisconsin producers. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 4.10 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2015, up 3 percent from 2014.

Farmers in Wisconsin intend to plant 1.85 million acres of **soybeans**, a 3 percent increase from 2014. If realized, this will be Wisconsin's highest soybean planted acreage on record.

Wisconsin **winter wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 245,000 acres, a drop of 17 percent from 2014.

Oat producers in Wisconsin intend to plant 275,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2014.

Planting intentions of Wisconsin **barley** farmers for 2015, at 24,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from 2014.

Wisconsin farmers intend to harvest 1.60 million acres of **dry hay** in 2015, down 2 percent from 2014.

United States

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third consecutive year of an acreage decline and would be the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 84.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged in 21 of the 31 major producing States.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 55.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.75 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.43 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.0 million acres, down slightly from 2014. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 18 percent from the previous year.

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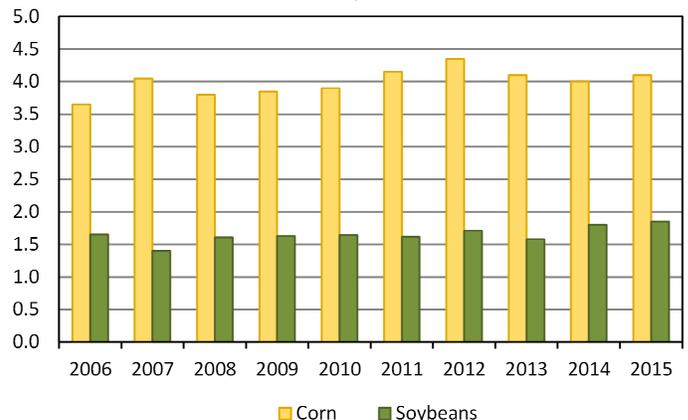
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Planted Acreage, 2013, 2014, and Prospective March 1, 2015

Crop	2013	2014	Indicated 2015	Change 2015/14
	Thousand acres			
WISCONSIN				
Barley	33	26	24	-8
Corn, all	4,100	4,000	4,100	+3
Dry Beans	5.4	7.9	7.9	N.C.
Hay, all ¹	1,600	1,640	1,600	-2
Oats	255	255	275	+8
Soybeans	1,580	1,800	1,850	+3
Wheat, Winter	315	295	245	-17
UNITED STATES				
Barley	3,528	2,975	3,258	+10
Corn, all	95,365	90,597	89,199	-2
Dry Beans	1,359.7	1,718.9	1,742.9	+1
Hay, all ¹	57,897	57,092	57,093	N.C.
Oats	2,980	2,723	2,931	+8
Soybeans	76,840	83,701	84,635	+1
Wheat, Winter	43,230	42,399	40,751	-4

1/Area harvested.

Million Acres
Acres Planted to Corn and Soybeans, Wisconsin, 2006-2015



Grain Stocks

Wisconsin corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2015, totaled 266 million bushels. This is 20 percent above the same quarter last year. Of the total stocks, 58 percent were stored in on-farm storage facilities. The indicated quarterly disappearance from December 2014 - February 2015 totaled 139 million bushels, 18 percent more than the 118 million bushels used during the same quarter last year.

Wisconsin soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2015, totaled 29.5 million bushels, 47 percent above the 20.0 million bushels on hand March 1, 2014. Of the total stocks, 29 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for the December 2014 - February 2015 quarter was 23.2 million bushels, 18 percent less than the 28.3 million bushels used during the same quarter last year.

Wisconsin oat stocks stored in all positions on March 1, 2015, totaled 7.21 million bushels, up 57 percent from the 4.60 million bushels on hand March 1, 2014. Of the total stocks, 39 percent were stored in on-farm storage facilities. Indicated disappearance for the December 2014 - February 2015 quarter was 2.16 million bushels, 9 percent less than the 2.36 million bushels used during the same quarter last year.

United States corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2015 totaled 7.74 billion bushels, up 11 percent from March 1, 2014. Of the total stocks, 4.38 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 13 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.36 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from a year ago. The December 2014 - February 2015 indicated disappearance is 3.47 billion bushels, compared with 3.44 billion bushels during the same period last year.

U.S. soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2015 totaled 1.33 billion bushels, up 34 percent from March 1, 2014. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 609 million bushels, up 60 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 725 million bushels, are up 18 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2014 - February 2015 quarter totaled 1.19 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Nationally, **all wheat** stored in all positions on March 1, 2015 totaled 1.12 billion bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 279 million bushels, up 17 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 846 million bushels, are up 3 percent from a year ago. The December 2014 - February 2015 indicated disappearance is 405 million bushels, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2015 totaled 118 million bushels, down 3 percent from March 1, 2014. On-farm stocks are estimated at 41.8 million bushels, 5 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 76.1 million bushels, are 2 percent below March 2014. The December 2014 - February 2015 indicated disappearance totaled 38.2 million bushels, 20 percent below the same period a year earlier.

U.S. oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2015 totaled 59.4 million bushels, 69 percent above the stocks on March 1, 2014. Of the total stocks on hand, 20.8 million bushels were stored on farms, up 5 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 38.6 million bushels, up 152 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during December 2014 - February 2015 totaled 7.61 million bushels, down 41 percent from the same period a year ago.

Grain Stocks by Position – Wisconsin and United States: March 1, 2014 and 2015

Position and Grain	Wisconsin			United States		
	March 1 2014	March 1 2015	'15 as % of '14	March 1 2014	March 1 2015	'15 as % of '14
	1,000 bushels		(percent)	1,000 bushels		(percent)
On-Farm Stocks						
Barley	(D)	(D)	(X)	43,830	41,840	95
Corn	125,000	155,000	124	3,860,500	4,380,000	113
Oats	2,700	2,800	104	19,800	20,810	105
Soybeans	6,500	8,700	134	381,900	609,200	160
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	237,530	278,710	117
Off-Farm Stocks ¹						
Barley	980	2,791	285	77,734	76,059	98
Corn	96,390	111,357	116	3,147,623	3,364,906	107
Oats	1,895	4,412	233	15,323	38,550	252
Soybeans	13,522	20,829	154	611,928	724,522	118
Wheat	20,172	32,806	163	819,435	845,688	103
Total Stocks						
Barley	(D)	(D)	(X)	121,564	117,899	97
Corn	221,390	266,357	120	7,008,123	7,744,906	111
Oats	4,595	7,212	157	35,123	59,360	169
Soybeans	20,022	29,529	147	993,828	1,333,722	134
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,056,965	1,124,398	106

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not Applicable. ¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Dairy Products, Production by Selected States and U.S.

Item and area	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Change from last year	Item and area	February 2014	January 2015	February 2015	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent		1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE					CHEESE				
American	340,745	396,697	349,258	+2.5	Provolone	25,468	30,170	28,179	+10.6
Cheddar					Ricotta	18,108	20,196	17,610	-2.8
California	30,043	31,947	29,932	-0.4	Romano	3,007	4,665	4,549	+51.3
Idaho	30,994	42,302	33,653	+8.6	Other Italian types	5,878	5,941	6,253	+6.4
Minnesota	43,948	46,973	41,240	-6.2	Total Italian				
Wisconsin	42,787	54,909	47,700	+11.5	California	119,532	135,913	122,061	+2.1
United States	248,829	291,813	257,300	+3.4	Wisconsin	109,923	126,319	114,947	+4.6
Blue & Gorgonzola	6,535	7,438	7,644	+17.0	United States	374,134	425,473	394,164	+5.4
Brick & Muenster	11,761	15,495	12,663	+7.7	Swiss	22,839	24,385	23,573	+3.2
Cream & Neufchatel	51,409	61,735	53,308	+3.7	All other cheese	11,851	12,618	10,580	-10.7
Feta	8,155	8,957	8,356	+2.5	Total cheese				
Gouda	5,392	4,681	6,158	+14.2	California	185,584	209,677	189,917	+2.3
Hispanic	18,090	19,960	18,552	+2.6	Idaho	61,294	77,444	66,701	+8.8
Mozzarella					New Mexico	58,674	65,655	60,428	+3.0
California	111,571	125,726	111,731	+0.1	New York	54,710	66,621	58,642	+7.2
Wisconsin	74,702	85,671	77,900	+4.3	Wisconsin	215,522	251,977	226,261	+5.0
United States	299,852	335,677	310,016	+3.4	United States	850,911	977,439	884,256	+3.9
Parmesan	21,821	28,824	27,557	+26.3					

