



Illinois Crop Production

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Corn: Planted area is estimated at 10.8 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.65 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 222 bushels per acre, up 16 bushels from 2023. Production is forecast at 2.36 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year.

Soybeans: Planted area is estimated at 10.8 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.75 million acres, is up 4 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 67 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels per acre from 2023. Production is forecast at 720 million bushels, up 11 percent from last year.

Alfalfa hay: Harvested area, forecast at 220,000 acres, is up 22 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.75 tons per acre, down 0.05 tons from 2023. Production is forecast at 825,000 tons, up 21 percent from last year.

Other hay: Harvested area, forecast at 260,000 acres, is up 13 percent from 2023. Based on October 1 conditions, the Illinois other hay yield is forecast at 2.60 tons per acre, up 0.50 tons from 2023. Production is estimated at 676,000 tons, up 40 percent from last year.

Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2023 and Forecasted October 1, 2024

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain ¹bushels	11,200	10,800	11,050	10,650	206.0	222.0	2,276,300	2,364,300
Soybeansbushels	10,350	10,800	10,300	10,750	63.0	67.0	648,900	720,250
Alfalfa hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	180	220	3.80	3.75	684	825
All other hay tons	(NA)	(NA)	230	260	2.10	2.60	483	676

(NA) Not available.

¹ Area planted for all purposes.

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