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Indiana August 1 Crop Forecast

Indiana farmers anticipate record corn, soybean and wheat yields this year, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana farmers anticipate harvesting 5.38 million acres of corn, up 250 thousand acres from last year and 5.48 million acres of soybeans, down 350 thousand acres from last year.

Indiana corn and soybean crops were planted earlier than normal in 2023 with both crops being planted earlier than both last year and the 5-year average. Weather turned very dry in May and substantial rainfall was not seen for much of June. Just as farmers began to think hope was lost, precipitation returned and both crops responded favorably to rainfall and favorable temperatures. Despite earlier planting, both crops are behind their 5-year reproductive phase averages due to the stalled growth shortly after planting because of lack of precipitation. Both crops are largely in grain fill and precipitation doesn't appear to be a limiting factor. Disease pressure has been low and in fields where fungicide has been used is nearly nonexistent.

Highlights of the August 1 Crop Production report follow:

- Indiana's average corn yield is forecast at 195 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from the previous year. Total production is forecast at 1.049 billion bushels, up 8 percent from last year on both higher yields and more acres planted.
- Soybean yield is forecast at 60 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from 2022. Total production is forecast at 329 million bushels, down 2 percent from last year on fewer acres planted.
- Winter wheat yield is estimated at 90 bushels per acre, up 14 from the previous forecast and 9 bushels above last year. Winter wheat production is forecast at 32.4 million bushels, up 67 percent from last year due to record yields and more acres planted.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2022 - 2023

Commodity	Indiana		United States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Corn, all				
Planted 1,000 acres	5,250	5,500	88,579	94,096
Corn, grain				
Harvested 1,000 acres	5,130	5,380	79,207	86,322
Yield Bushels	190.0	195.0	173.3	175.1
Production 1,000 bu	974,700	1,049,100	13,729,719	15,110,787
Hay, alfalfa				
Harvested 1,000 acres	260	260	14,913	15,658
Yield Tons	3.50	2.90	3.22	3.13
Production 1,000 tons	910	754	47,958	48,936
Hay, other				
Harvested 1,000 acres	260	260	34,633	36,318
Yield Tons	2.60	2.30	1.87	1.92
Production 1,000 tons	676	598	64,843	69,894
Soybeans				
Planted 1,000 acres	5,850	5,500	87,450	83,505
Harvested 1,000 acres	5,830	5,480	86,336	82,696
Yield Bushels	57.5	60.0	49.5	50.9
Production 1,000 bu	335,225	328,800	4,276,123	4,205,450
Winter Wheat				
Planted 1,000 acres	290	410	33,271	36,810
Harvested 1,000 acres	240	360	23,459	25,495
Yield bushels	81.0	90.0	47.0	48.1
Production 1,000 bu	19,440	32,400	1,103,707	1,227,235

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