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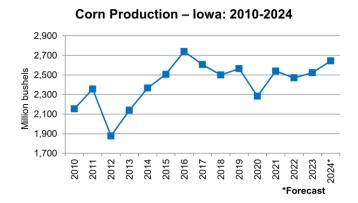
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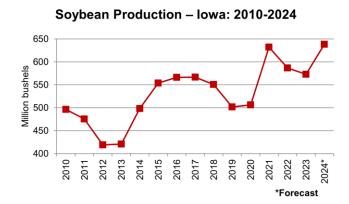
Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, up 5 percent from the previous year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 214.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast and up 13.0 bushels per acre from last year. Corn planted acreage is estimated at 12.9 million acres. An estimated 12.4 million of the acres planted will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 638 million bushels, up 11 percent from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel per acre from the September 1 forecast and up 6.0 bushels per acre from 2023. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 10.1 million acres with 9.97 million acres to be harvested.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** for hay is forecast at 2.95 million tons, up 23 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 4.10 tons per acre, up 0.90 ton per acre from last year. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 832,000 tons, up 52 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average 2.60 tons per acre, up 0.50 ton per acre from last year.

The forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next crop production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 9.





Area Harvested, Yield, and Production Summary – Iowa and United States: 2023 and Forecasted October 1, 2024

Crop	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
IOWA Cornbushels	,	12,350	201.0	214.0	2,522,550	2,642,900
Hay, alfalfatons Hay, othertons		720 320	3.20 2.10	4.10 2.60	2,400 546	2,952 832
Soybeansbushels	9,880	9,970	58.0	64.0	573,040	638,080
UNITED STATES Cornbushels Hay, alfalfatons Hay, othertons	15,634	82,710 15,627 35,904	177.3 3.19 1.85	183.8 3.45 2.03	15,340,520 49,916 68,853	15,203,309 53,975 72,871
Soybeansbushels		86,271	50.6	53.1	4,162,057	4,581,984

U.S. Corn Supply and Use 1

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CORN	2022-2023	2023-2024 (Est.)	2024-2025 Projections October					
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)					
Beginning stocks	1,377 13,651 39 15,066 5,486 6,558 5,176 12,044 1,662	1,360 15,341 28 16,729 5,814 6,862 5,471 12,676 2,292	1,760 15,203 25 16,989 5,825 6,840 5,450 12,665 2,325					
Use, total Ending stocks	13,706 1,360	14,969 1,760 4.55	14,990 1,999 4.10					
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	6.54	4.55	4.10					

¹ Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report http://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use ¹

SOYBEANS	2022-2023	2023-2024 (Est.)	2024-2025 Projections October						
	(million	(million	(million						
	bushels)	bushels)	bushels)						
Beginning stocks	274	264	340						
Production	4,270	4,165	4,586						
Imports	25	20	15						
Supply, total	4,569	4,449	4,941						
Crushings	2,212	2,295	2,425						
Exports	1,980	1,700	1,850						
Seed	75	78	78						
Residual	39	36	38						
Use, total	4,305	4,109	4,391						
Ending stocks	264	340	550						
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	14.20	12.50	10.80						
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Corn production for grain is forecast at 15.2 billion bushels, up less than 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 1 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 183.8 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.2 bushel from the previous forecast and up 6.5 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 82.7 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 4 percent from the previous year.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record high 4.58 billion bushels, down slightly from the previous forecast but up 10 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average a record high 53.1 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from the previous forecast but up 2.5 bushels from 2023. Area harvested for beans in the United States is forecast at 86.3 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast but up 5 percent from 2023.

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