

# CROPS

The crop production index in 1999 for Illinois was 124 percent of the 1977 base. Farmers harvested 24.2 million acres of crops in 1999, up from 23.5 million acres in 1998. The value of the crops produced was 5.7 billion dollars, down three percent from 1998.

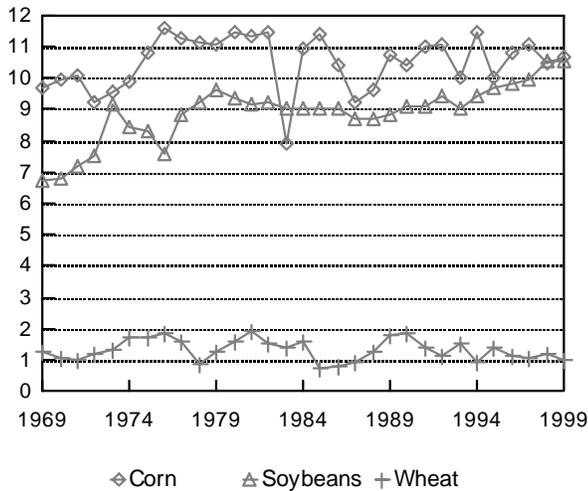
Corn production in 1999, at 1.491 billion bushels, was up one percent from 1998. Acreage harvested for grain in 1999 was 10.65 million acres, up 200 thousand acres from 1998.

Soybean production in 1999, at 443.1 million bushels, was down five percent from last years record of 464.2 million bushels. Soybean yield averaged 42.0 bushels per acre compared to 44.0 bushels per acre in 1998. Harvested acreage totaled 10.55 million acres, the same as the record breaking acreage set in 1998.

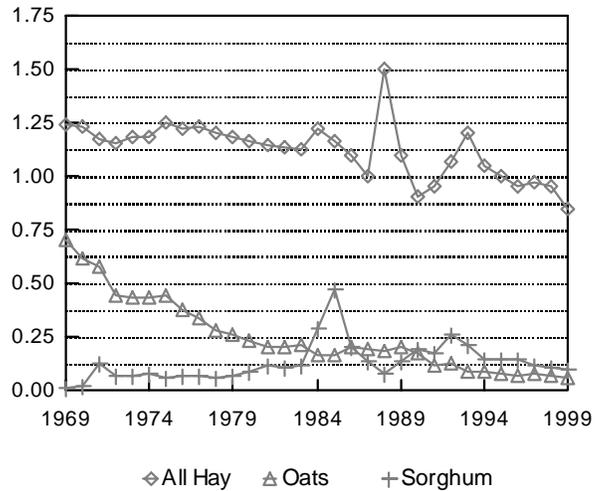
Wheat acreage harvested decreased 16 percent from 1998 to 1.01 million acres in 1999. Production, at 60.6 million bushels in 1999, was up five percent from 1998. Wheat yield in 1999 was 60.0 bushels per acre, up 25 percent from the yield set in 1998.

Production of sorghum for grain in 1999 was 9.2 million bushels, up 16 percent from the 1998 production of 7.9 million bushels. Acreage harvested for grain totaled 97 thousand acres, down ten thousand acres from the previous year. The average grain yield in 1999 was 95 bushels per acre, up 21 bushels per acre from the previous years' yield.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



**OTHER CROPS**  
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



## CROPS: Record highs through 1999, Illinois

Crops	Unit	Date series began	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
			Year	Acres Thousands	Year	Yield	Year	Production Thousands
Corn for grain	Bushels	1924	1976	11,590	1994	156	1994	1,786,200
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	1998/1999	10,550	1994	45.5	1998	464,200
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	1931	1985	470	1992	103	1985	36,190
Wheat	Bushels	1866	1919	4,103	1997	61.0	1989	105,020
Oats	Bushels	1866	1925	4,855	1989	80	1917	207,000
All hay	Tons	1912	1940	3,523	1990	3.72	1956	5,065