

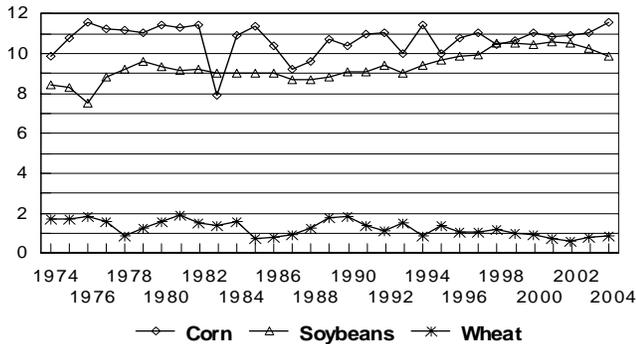
CROPS

Corn planting progressed with no significant delays in April and May of 2004. Virtually all of the 11.75 million acres were planted by the middle of May. Harvest began in early September and proceeded ahead of normal pace through October. Harvest was virtually complete by Thanksgiving. Optimal growing conditions contributed to a record high yield of 180 bushels per acre and a record high production of more than two billion bushels. The value of the 2004 corn crop was 4.18 billion dollars, five percent below the previous year.

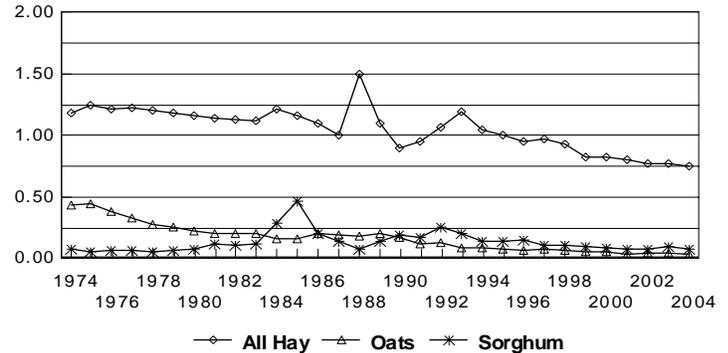
Soybean planting began in late April and continued ahead of normal pace through May and June. Planting of the 9.95 million acres was virtually complete by late June. Cool temperatures, timely rains, and adequate soil moisture produced a record high yield of 50.5 bushels per acre and a total production of almost 500 million bushels. Harvest began earlier than usual, progressed ahead of normal through the middle of October, and was virtually complete by Thanksgiving. The 2004 soybean crop was valued at 2.5 billion dollars, 11 percent below 2003.

Winter wheat for harvest in 2004 totaled 920 thousand acres planted, 8 percent above 2003. The wheat crop was valued at 164.6 million dollars, 2 percent below the previous year. Farmers planted 55 thousand acres of oats in 2004, down 5 thousand from 2003. The oat crop was valued at 3.55 million dollars, less than half of the 2003 crop. Sorghum acreage planted totaled 85 thousand, down 25 thousand from the previous year. The value of the sorghum crop was 16 million dollars, down 28 percent from 2003. Area harvested for all types of hay was 750 thousand acres compared to 775 thousand acres in 2003. The hay crop was valued at 216 million dollars.

PRINCIPAL CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



OTHER CROPS
Illinois Harvested Acres (Millions)



CROPS: Record highs through 2004, Illinois

Crops	Unit	Date series began	Acres harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
			Year	Acres	Year	Yield	Year	Production
			Thousands				Thousands	
Corn for grain	Bushels	1866	2004	11,600	2004	180	2004	2,088,000
Soybeans	Bushels	1919	2001	10,620	2004	50.5	2004	499,950
Sorghum for grain	Bushels	1931	1985	470	2004	109	1985	36,190
Wheat	Bushels	1866	1919	4,103	2003	65	1989	105,020
Oats	Bushels	1866	1925	4,855	2003	89	1917	207,000
All hay	Tons	1866	1940	3,523	1990	3.72	1956	5,065