



Iowa Ag News – District Crop Production

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Iowa's **corn** production is forecast at a record 2.44 billion bushels, 13 percent above last year's production according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. As of October 1, Iowa's corn crop is forecast to yield a record 185 bushels per acre, 20 bushels higher than in 2013 but unchanged from the September 1 forecast. If realized, the yield will be 3 bushels higher than the previous high set in 2009. Corn planted and harvested for grain acreage is estimated at 13.6 million and 13.2 million acres, respectively.

Forecasted production and yield is up from 2013 in all Iowa districts. Three districts are forecast to have record yields, and all remaining districts are in the top four highest yielding years. Central and South East Iowa are anticipated to have the highest yields in the state, with 195 bushels per acre. West Central Iowa is anticipated to have the largest production in the state, with 385 million bushels.

Soybean production is forecast at 504 million bushels, a 20 percent increase from the previous year. The October 1 yield forecast of 51.0 bushels per acre is up 5.5 bushels from 2013, but unchanged from the September forecast. Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 9.95 million acres with 9.89 million acres to be harvested. Both planted and harvested acres are down 1 percent from the September forecast.

Production and yield is forecast to be up in all Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is expected to have the highest average yield, at 53.5 bushels per acre, followed by West Central Iowa at 53.0 bushels. Northwest Iowa is anticipated to have the largest production, with 83.7 million bushels.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next district corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of November 1, will be released on November 10.

Corn – Iowa Districts: Forecasted October 1, 2014

District	Harvested for Grain	Yield/acre	Production
	2014	2014 ¹	2014
	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
NW	1,915	184.0	352,721
NC	1,925	182.0	351,114
NE	1,555	179.0	277,748
WC	2,040	189.0	385,045
C	1,925	195.0*	374,697
EC	1,355	183.0	248,176
SW	1,055	175.0	184,863
SC	545	174.0*	94,697
SE	885	195.0*	172,939
State	13,200	185.0*	2,442,000

¹ Yield rounded *Forecasted record yield

Soybeans – Iowa Districts: Forecasted October 1, 2014

District	Harvested for Grain	Yield/acre	Production
	2014	2014 ¹	2014
	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
NW	1,561	53.5	83,718
NC	1,209	48.0	58,057
NE	806	49.5	39,961
WC	1,532	53.0	81,176
C	1,406	51.0	71,689
EC	963	50.5	48,663
SW	993	50.0	49,559
SC	619	49.0	30,184
SE	801	51.5	41,383
State	9,890	51.0	504,390