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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.43 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service *Crop Production* report. If realized, the production would be the highest on record, 1 percent above the previous high from 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 183 bushels per acre, an increase of 5 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, the yield will be the highest on record, 2 bushels above the previous high set in 2009. Corn planted and harvested for grain acreage is estimated at 13.7 million and 13.3 million acres, respectively.

Forecasted production and yield is up in 5 Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is anticipated to have the highest yield in the state, with 193 bushels per acre. All three northern Iowa districts are anticipated to have higher yields and production than last year, while all three southern districts are expected to have lower yields and production than last year.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 516 million bushels. If realized, this would be the second highest soybean production on record, behind only the 525 million bushels produced in 2005. The August 1 yield forecast is 52 bushels per acre, 0.5 bushel above 2014. Iowa farmers planted 10.0 million acres of soybeans and plan to harvest 9.92 million acres.

Production and yield is forecast to be up in 4 Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is expected to have the highest yield in the state, with 57 bushels per acre. Similarly to corn, all three northern Iowa districts are anticipated to have higher yields and production than last year, while all three southern districts are expected to have lower yields and production than last year. The largest increase in yield is expected in the North Central Iowa, where yields are anticipated to average 8.4 bushels per acre more than 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in Southwest Iowa, where yields are expected to decline 6.7 bushels per acre from 2014.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on conditions on August 1 and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next district corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 11.

**Corn – Iowa Districts:  
2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015**

District	Harvested for Grain		Yield/acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
NW	1,941	1,945	175.3	193.0	340,250	375,251
NC	1,950	1,925	171.9	192.0	335,215	368,951
NE	1,630	1,610	170.2	189.0	277,480	303,602
WC	2,015	2,015	179.2	181.0	361,111	364,889
C	1,908	1,940	182.4	188.0	348,025	364,266
EC	1,366	1,365	186.9	184.0	255,293	251,722
SW	1,051	1,055	175.4	167.0	184,368	176,638
SC	536	540	169.5	155.0	90,826	83,608
SE	903	905	193.6	160.0	174,832	144,973
State	13,300	13,300	178.0	183.0	2,367,400	2,433,900

**Soybeans – Iowa Districts:  
2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015**

District	Harvested for Grain		Yield/acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
NW	1,525	1,549	52.3	57.0	79,802	88,071
NC	1,190	1,265	47.6	56.0	56,609	70,687
NE	797	814	49.9	55.5	39,803	45,063
WC	1,531	1,536	53.1	49.0	81,345	75,032
C	1,415	1,398	51.7	54.0	73,210	75,671
EC	957	953	54.8	54.0	52,415	51,558
SW	998	1,000	52.7	46.0	52,610	45,803
SC	616	614	46.6	43.0	28,689	26,341
SE	791	791	52.1	47.5	41,247	37,614
State	9,820	9,920	51.5	52.0	505,730	515,840

<sup>1</sup> Yield rounded