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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.41 billion bushels according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. If realized, the production is tied for the highest on record, equal to the 2009 production. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 181 bushels per acre, an increase of 3 bushels per acre from last year but down 2 bushels from the August 1 forecast. If realized, the yield will be tied for the highest on record, equal to the 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 are up from 2014 in 4 Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is anticipated to have the highest yield in the state, with 191 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. The largest increase in yield is expected in North Central Iowa, where yields are anticipated to average 18.1 bushels per acre more than 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in Southeast Iowa, where yields are expected to decline 32.6 bushels per acre from 2014.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 526 million bushels. If realized, this will be the highest soybean production on record, slightly above the 525 million bushels produced in 2005. The September 1 forecast yield is 53 bushels per acre, 1.5 bushels above 2014, and up 1.0 bushel from the August 1 forecast. Iowa farmers planted 10.0 million acres of soybeans and plan to harvest 9.92 million acres.

Production and yield are forecasted to be up from 2014 in 5 Iowa districts. Northwest Iowa is expected to have the highest yield in the state, with 58.5 bushels per acre. Similar 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 Northeast Iowa, where yields are anticipated to average 7.6 bushels per acre more than 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in South Central Iowa, where yields are expected to decline 5.1 bushels per acre from 2014.

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

## Corn – Iowa Districts: 2014 and Forecasted September 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	191.0	340,250	371,443
NC	1,950	1,925	171.9	190.0	335,215	365,206
NE	1,630	1,610	170.2	186.0	277,480	299,543
WC	2,015	2,015	179.2	179.0	361,111	360,493
C	1,908	1,940	182.4	185.0	348,025	358,342
EC	1,366	1,365	186.9	181.0	255,293	246,509
SW	1,051	1,055	175.4	169.0	184,368	178,817
SC	536	540	169.5	151.0	90,826	81,383
SE	903	905	193.6	161.0	174,832	145,564
State	13,300	13,300	178.0	181.0	2,367,400	2,407,300

<sup>1</sup> Yield rounded

## Soybeans – Iowa Districts: 2014 and Forecasted September 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	58.5	79,802	90,605
NC	1,190	1,265	47.6	54.0	56,609	68,295
NE	797	814	49.9	57.5	39,803	46,795
WC	1,531	1,536	53.1	50.0	81,345	76,785
C	1,415	1,398	51.7	55.5	73,210	77,575
EC	957	953	54.8	55.5	52,415	52,875
SW	998	1,000	52.7	49.0	52,610	48,995
SC	616	614	46.6	41.5	28,689	25,475
SE	791	791	52.1	48.5	41,247	38,360
State	9,820	9,920	51.5	53.0	505,730	525,760