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Iowa **corn** production is forecast at 2.42 billion bushels, 2 percent above the 2014 production and slightly above the September forecast, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. If realized, production will set a new record high, breaking the previous record set in 2009 by 8.3 million bushels. Based on conditions as of October 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 also set a new record high, exceeding the previous record of 181 set in 2004 and tied in 2009. Acres planted and harvested for grain, at 13.6 million and 13.2 million acres, respectively, are down 100,000 acres from the September estimate.

Forecasted production and yield are up from 2014 in 6 Iowa districts. North central Iowa is anticipated to have the highest yield in the state, with 192 bushels per acre. All three northern Iowa districts are anticipated to have higher yields and production than last year, while south central and southeast Iowa 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 increase 12 percent from 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in Southeast Iowa, where yields are expected to drop 16 percent from 2014.

Soybean production is forecast at 520 million bushels. If realized, this will be the second largest soybean production on record, 1 percent less than the previous record of 525 million bushels produced in 2005. The October 1 forecast yield is 53 bushels per acre, 1.5 bushels above 2014, but unchanged from the September 1 forecast. Iowa farmers planted 9.9 million acres of soybeans and plan to harvest 9.82 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 a 60.0 bushels per acre yield. 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 northeast Iowa, where yields are forecasted to average 8.1 bushels per acre more than 2014. The largest decrease in yield is expected in south central Iowa, where yields are expected to decline 8.6 bushels per acre from 2014.

All crop forecasts in this report are based on conditions on October 1 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: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

District	Harvested for Grain		Yield/acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
NW	1,941	1,970	175.3	191.0	340,250	375,394
NC	1,950	1,870	171.9	192.0	335,215	358,922
NE	1,630	1,605	170.2	188.0	277,480	302,496
WC	2,015	2,030	179.2	180.0	361,111	365,178
C	1,908	1,945	182.4	185.0	348,025	360,143
EC	1,366	1,385	186.9	187.0	255,293	259,184
SW	1,051	950	175.4	175.0	184,368	166,094
SC	536	540	169.5	152.0	90,826	81,895
SE	903	905	193.6	162.0	174,832	146,294
State	13,300	13,200	178.0	183.0	2,367,400	2,415,600

¹ Yield rounded

Soybeans – Iowa Districts: 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015

District	Harvested for Grain		Yield/acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ¹	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
NW	1,525	1,563	52.3	60.0	79,802	93,755
NC	1,190	1,301	47.6	55.5	56,609	72,184
NE	797	820	49.9	58.0	39,803	47,547
WC	1,531	1,564	53.1	49.5	81,345	77,393
C	1,415	1,415	51.7	53.5	73,210	75,680
EC	957	970	54.8	55.0	52,415	53,334
SW	998	888	52.7	47.0	52,610	41,722
SC	616	507	46.6	38.0	28,689	19,258
SE	791	792	52.1	50.0	41,247	39,587
State	9,820	9,820	51.5	53.0	505,730	520,460