



Wisconsin - Crop Production

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November 1 Crop Production Update

The November Crop Production report is an estimate of yield and production of row crops based on conditions through November 1. Objective yield surveys were conducted in the major producing States that usually account for about 75 percent of the United States production. These objective yield field visits, as well as approximately 11,000 producer interviews were conducted to obtain probable yields. These growers and fields will continue to be surveyed throughout the growing season to provide indications of average yields. Thank you to all of the producers who participate in these surveys.

Based on conditions as of November 1, Wisconsin's corn yield is forecast at 160 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month. Total production is expected to be 525 million bushels, up 4.5 percent from 2010. If realized, production would be a record high, although yield would be second to last year's record. Wisconsin's corn objective yield survey showed there was an average of 28,950 ears per acre this year, 650 more than last year. This is a record high ear count for Wisconsin.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 12.3 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the October forecast and down 1 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production total on record for the United States. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 146.7 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from the October forecast and down 6.1 bushels from 2010. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 2003. Corn objective yield data indicates the second highest ears per acre on record for the combined 10 objective yield states, only behind 2009. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, unchanged from the October forecast. As of October 30, seventy-eight percent of the corn crop had been harvested.

Wisconsin's November 1 forecast for soybeans is 47.0 bushels per acre, up two bushels from last month and 3.5 bushels lower

than 2010. If realized, Wisconsin's yield would be the second highest in the country, behind Iowa's 50.5 bushels per acre. Production is expected to be 75.2 million bushels, 8.6 percent below last year's record.

U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.05 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 9 percent from last year. November objective yield data for the 11 major soybean-producing states indicate a lower pod count compared with last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from last month and down 2.2 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the second lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 73.7 million acres, unchanged from October but down 4 percent from 2010.

The Wisconsin potato crop is expected to yield 360 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre, 35 hundredweight below last year. Area harvested is up 500 acres, from 61.5 thousand acres in 2010 to 62.0 thousand acres in 2011. Production is forecast at 22.3 million cwt., down 8.1 percent from a year ago.

U.S. fall potato production is forecast at 424 million cwt., up 4.9 percent from last year. Acres harvested nationwide are expected to reach 1.07 million acres, up from 1.01 million in 2010. Yield per acres is expected to be 395 cwt., down 6 cwt. from 2010.

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Selected Crop Production, 2010 and Forecasted November 1, 2011

Crop	Harvested acres (thousands)		Yield per acre		Production (thousands)		Production % change 2011/10
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
Corn for grain	Bushels						
Wisconsin	3,100	3,280	162.0	160.0	502,200	524,800	+5
Illinois	12,400	12,400	157.0	156.0	1,946,800	1,934,400	-1
Indiana	5,720	5,700	157.0	145.0	898,040	826,500	-8
Iowa	13,050	13,650	165.0	171.0	2,153,250	2,334,150	+8
Michigan	2,100	2,200	150.0	148.0	315,000	325,600	+3
Minnesota	7,300	7,650	177.0	160.0	1,292,100	1,224,000	-5
United States	81,446	83,936	152.8	146.7	12,446,865	12,309,936	-1
Soybeans for beans	Bushels						
Wisconsin	1,630	1,600	50.5	47.0	82,315	75,200	-9
Illinois	9,050	8,850	51.5	46.0	466,075	407,100	-13
Indiana	5,330	5,290	48.5	42.0	258,505	222,180	-14
Iowa	9,730	9,260	51.0	50.5	496,230	467,630	-6
Michigan	2,040	1,940	43.5	44.0	88,740	85,360	-4
Minnesota	7,310	7,010	45.0	40.0	328,950	280,400	-15
United States	76,610	73,676	43.5	41.3	3,329,181	3,045,558	-9
Potatoes (fall)	Hundredweight						
Wisconsin	61.5	62.0	395.0	360.0	24,293	22,320	-8
Idaho	294.0	319.0	384.0	398.0	112,970	127,070	+12
Washington	134.0	160.0	660.0	620.0	88,440	99,200	+12
North Dakota	80.0	77.0	275.0	235.0	22,000	18,095	-18
Minnesota	42.0	46.0	405.0	345.0	17,010	15,870	-7
United States	1,008.0	1,073.0	401.0	395.0	404,273	424,139	+5

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.