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Prospective Plantings

Corn: Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.2 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2009. This is down 100,000 acres from 2008.

Soybeans: Producers intend to plant 9.85 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is up 100,000 acres from the previous year's planted acres.

Oats: Farmers intend to plant 200,000 acres of oats for all purposes, up 50,000 acres from last year.

All Hay: Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.60 million acres of hay, up 50,000 from last year.

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 27, with final interviews completed on March 16. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend greatly upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2007	2008	Indicated 2009	'09 as % of '08	2007	2008	Indicated 2009	'09 as % of '08
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	14,200	13,300	13,200	99	93,527	85,982	84,986	99
Oats	145	150	200	133	3,763	3,217	3,400	106
Soybeans	8,650	9,750	9,850	101	64,741	75,718	76,024	100
Hay, all ¹	1,380	1,550	1,600	103	61,006	60,062	60,297	100
Wheat, all	35	40	30	75	60,460	63,147	58,638	93

¹ Acres for harvest.

Stocks of Grain

Iowa: Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 1.57 billion bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Of the total stocks, 62 percent were stored on-farm. The December 2008 - February 2009 disappearance totaled 516 million bushels, 16 percent below the 615 million bushels used last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 290 million bushels, down 11 percent from the 326 million bushels on hand March 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 52 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for the December 2008 - February 2009 period was 120 million bushels, 15 percent below the 142 million bushels used last year.

Oat stocks stored on the farm on March 1, 2009 totaled 1.70 million bushels, 42 percent above the 1.20 million bushels on hand March 1, 2008. Oat stocks at off-farm facilities totaled 5.85 million bushels.

United States: Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 6.96 billion bushels, up 1 percent from March 1, 2008. Of the total stocks, 4.09 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.87 billion bushels, are down 7 percent from a year ago. The December 2008 -

February 2009 indicated disappearance is 3.12 billion bushels, compared with 3.42 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 1.30 billion bushels, down 9 percent from March 1, 2008. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 657 million bushels, up 11 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 645 million bushels, are down 23 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2008 - February 2009 quarter totaled 974 million bushels, up 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2009 totaled 95.4 million bushels, 21 percent above the stocks on March 1, 2008. Of the total stocks on hand, 30.0 million bushels are stored on farms, down 3 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 65.4 million bushels, up 36 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during December 2008 - February 2009 totaled 19.6 million bushels, up 27 percent from the same period a year ago.

Stocks of Grain, March 1, Iowa and United States

Position and Grain	Iowa			United States		
	March 1 2008	March 1 2009	'09 as % of '08	March 1 2008	March 1 2009	'09 as % of '08
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On-Farm Stocks						
Corn	880,000	940,000	107	3,780,000	4,085,000	108
Soybeans	145,000	150,000	103	593,000	656,500	111
Oats	1,200	1,700	142	31,000	30,000	97
Wheat	*	*	*	91,990	280,200	305
Off-Farm Stocks ¹						
Corn	562,434	565,251	101	3,078,722	2,873,397	93
Soybeans	181,411	139,912	77	840,982	645,106	77
Oats	4,045	5,851	145	47,988	65,364	136
Wheat	1,561	1,837	118	617,280	756,372	123
Total Stocks						
Corn	1,442,434	1,505,251	104	6,858,722	6,958,397	101
Soybeans	326,411	289,912	89	1,433,982	1,301,606	91
Oats	5,245	7,551	144	78,988	95,364	121
Wheat	*	*	*	709,270	1,036,572	146

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States ¹

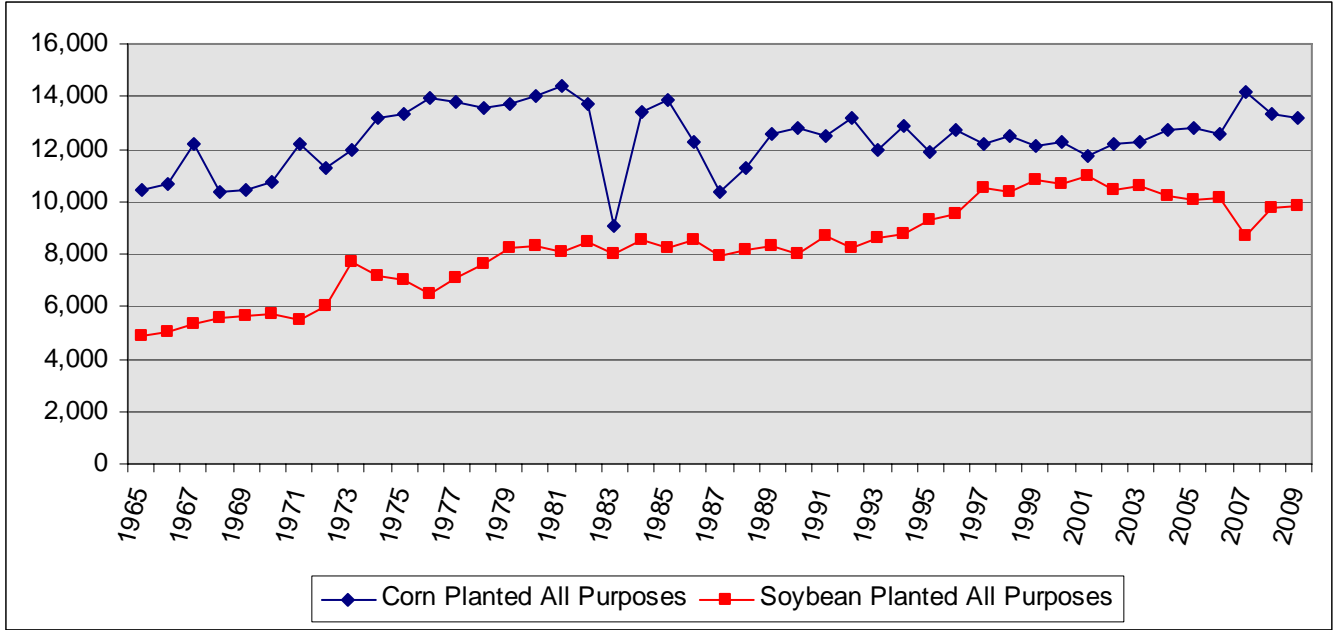
State	Feb 2008	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Feb 09 as % of ²	
				Feb 2008	Jan 2009
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	2.0	1.8	1.8	90	96
AK		0.1			
AZ	35.4	31.5	29.2	82	92
AR	5.2	5.5	5.1	99	93
CA	134.4	147.9	133.5	99	90
CO	171.2	170.4	165.1	96	97
DE-MD	3.0	3.2	3.1	105	98
FL	6.7	8.3	7.4	110	89
GA	12.5	12.0	10.3	83	86
HI	0.8	0.8	0.8	105	101
ID	18.1	20.5	17.4	96	85
IL	245.0	249.6	218.0	89	87
IN	134.9	145.9	137.2	102	94
IA	571.7	611.7	546.4	96	89
KS	406.9	417.2	396.4	97	95
KY	45.0	48.7	43.4	96	89
LA	0.7	0.5	0.5	80	110
MI	41.5	41.7	38.6	93	92
MN	203.0	217.4	199.2	98	92
MS	1.3	1.4	1.1	86	80
MO	141.5	155.8	136.0	96	87
MT	1.0	1.1	1.0	102	96
NE	568.4	584.8	541.3	95	93
NV	0.1	0.1	0.1	96	102
N ENG ³	0.9	1.2	1.0	115	83
NJ	3.9	4.0	3.5	90	88
NM	0.4	0.5	0.4	83	76
NY	2.5	3.1	2.7	107	85
NC	212.9	220.2	206.2	97	94
ND	2.3	2.5	2.4	106	97
OH	24.6	25.4	23.7	96	93
OK	89.8	99.5	86.0	96	86
OR	4.4	4.5	4.3	99	95
PA	102.1	105.0	100.2	98	95
SC	21.9	20.1	19.2	87	95
SD	84.1	101.6	88.2	105	87
TN	16.8	20.8	16.7	99	80
TX	383.2	414.8	396.0	103	95
UT	43.5	41.3	39.1	90	95
VA	44.4	44.0	37.1	84	84
WA	66.0	68.0	60.3	91	89
WV	0.5	0.8	0.6	136	80
WI	112.7	113.5	103.9	92	92
WY	0.5	0.6	0.6	110	90
US	3,967.4	4,169.6	3,825.1	96	92

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

³ N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

Corn and Soybean Acres Planted, Iowa, 1965-2009¹



¹ 2009 figures are preliminary indications.

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