

2013 corn crop a record bin buster

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Corn for grain production in Nebraska based on year-end surveys is estimated at a record high 1.62 billion bushels, up 26% from 2012, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Yield of 170 bushels per acre is up 28 bushels from last year and the second highest of record. Farmers harvested 9.55 million acres of corn for grain, up 5% from 2012 and the second largest harvested acreage since 1933.

Soybean production for 2013 totaled 252 million bushels, up 22% from 2012. Yield, at 53.0 bushels per acre, is up 11.5 bushels from a year earlier. Area for harvest, at 4.76 million acres, is down 5% from 2012.

Sorghum for grain production in 2013 is estimated at 9.38 million bushels, more than double last year's production. Yield, at 67 bushels per acre, is up 8 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 140,000 acres, is more than double a year ago.

Alfalfa production of 2.42 million tons is up 6% from a year earlier. The average yield, at 3.45 tons per acre, is up 0.50 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for dry hay, at 700,000 acres, is down 9% from 2012. Seedings of alfalfa during 2013 totaled 140,000 acres, up 17% from the year earlier.

All other hay production, at 2.52 million tons, is up 40% from 2012. The average yield, at 1.40 tons per acre, is up 0.40 ton per acre from last year. Area harvested of other dry hay is 1.80 million acres, unchanged from a year ago. Total forage production from alfalfa and other hay was 5.06 million tons in 2013, up 20% from the previous year.

Proso millet production in 2013 is estimated at 4.58 million bushels, near seven times last year's production. Yield, at 32 bushels per acre, is up 20 bushels from a year earlier. Area harvested for grain, at 143,000 acres, is more than two times that of 2012.

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Oil sunflower production in 2013 is 21.7 million pounds, up 5% from last year. Yield, at 850 pounds per acre, is up 150 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 25,500 acres, is down 14% from 2012. Non-oil sunflower production of 13.0 million pounds is near double last year. Yield, at 1,000 pounds per acre, is up 100 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 13,000 acres, is up 78% from 2012.

Sugarbeet production of 1.31 million tons is down 10% from 2012. Yield, at 29.7 tons per acre, is down 0.10 ton from the record high set a year earlier. Area harvested, at 44,200 acres, is 10% less than 2012.

Dry edible bean production of 2.75 million hundredweight, is down 14% from a year ago. Yield, at 2,350 pounds per acre, is down 50 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 117,000 acres, is down 12% from 2012.

Potato production is 8.42 million hundredweight, down 19% from last year. Yield, at a record high 460 hundredweight per acre, is up 15 pounds from a year earlier. Area harvested, at 18,300 acres, is down 21% from 2012.