

POPCORN

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POPCORN ACREAGE DECLINES SHARPLY

Growers planted 156,300 acres to popcorn in 1977. This is 27 percent less than last year and 33 percent fewer acres than in 1975. The acreage for harvest is estimated at 151,400, also 27 percent less than last year.

All of the major producing States recorded declines in acreage. Indiana and Nebraska, where more than half the 1977 acreage is located, and Illinois had the smallest percentage drop in popcorn acres. Most other States had acreage reductions of 30 percent or more as many contractors were shifting from dryland to irrigated areas.

Acreage and production revisions of the 1976 crop are included in this report. They are based largely on data provided by popcorn processors. The revised production of 607,832,000 pounds is 1 percent greater than indicated by the preliminary report issued last January.

The estimated production from the 1977 crop will be included in the 1977 Annual Crop Summary to be issued in January, 1978.

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STATE	AREA						YIELD		PRODUCTION ^{1/}	
	PLANTED			HARVESTED			1975	1976	1975	1976
	1975	1976	IND 1977	1975	1976	IND 1977				
1,000 ACRES						POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	16.0	11.6	9.8	15.7	11.3	9.6	2,350	2,790	36,900	31,530
IND	42.0	46.0	40.5	40.0	45.0	40.0	2,500	3,050	100,000	137,250
IOWA	43.0	29.0	16.0	42.0	28.0	15.0	1,960	2,040	82,320	57,120
KANS	16.3	13.6	9.6	15.0	13.5	9.5	3,000	2,750	45,000	37,125
KY	21.2	20.5	13.2	20.9	19.9	13.0	2,000	2,730	41,800	54,327
MICH	3.7	5.5	1.7	3.6	4.6	1.6	2,020	2,900	7,270	13,340
MO	14.8	10.0	4.9	14.5	9.6	4.7	1,850	2,850	26,830	27,360
NEBR	50.0	53.0	44.0	48.0	51.0	42.0	3,050	3,250	146,400	165,750
OHIO	19.9	19.4	13.5	19.4	18.8	13.0	2,325	3,550	45,100	66,740
OTH STS ^{2/}	5.3	6.3	3.1	5.1	6.1	3.0	2,165	2,834	11,048	17,290
U S	232.2	214.9	156.3	224.2	207.8	151.4	2,420	2,925	542,668	607,832
	PRICE PER CWT						VALUE OF PRODUCTION			
	1975			1976			1975		1976	
	DOLLARS						1,000 DOLLARS			
ILL	8.90			8.50			3,284		2,680	
IND	10.60			9.65			10,600		13,245	
IOWA	9.10			8.50			7,491		4,855	
KANS	9.00			8.50			4,050		3,156	
KY	9.10			8.50			3,804		4,618	
MICH	10.20			9.35			742		1,247	
MO	8.90			8.70			2,388		2,380	
NEBR	8.80			8.70			12,883		14,420	
OHIO	8.80			8.45			3,969		5,640	
OTH STS ^{2/}	8.93			8.74			987		1,511	
U S	9.25			8.84			50,198		53,752	

^{1/} SHELLED CORN BASIS.

^{2/} ALA, COLO AND TENN.