

POPCORN

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POPCORN PRODUCTION RECORD HIGH

Farmers produced a record high 602 million pounds of shelled corn in 1976, 11 percent more than the 1975 crop and 57 percent more than in 1974. The increase resulted from very good yields. The harvested acreage declined 6 percent from 1975. The average yield of 2,863 pounds is 443 pounds larger than a year ago. Yellow varieties accounted for 89 percent of the total 1976 production, the same as a year earlier but down from 92 percent for the 1974 crop. Farmers field shelled 82 percent of the crop, equal to a year earlier but up from 77 percent in 1974.

Weather conditions were generally favorable for the crop from planting through harvest. A few areas became very dry but timely rains and moderate temperatures made for excellent yields. Good drying weather in the fall aided in rapid completion of harvest with moisture content of grain low enough in some areas to allow storage without artificial drying.

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| STATE | AREA | | | | | | YIELD 1/ | | | PRODUCTION 1/ | | |
|------------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|---------------|---------|---------|
| | PLANTED | | HARVESTED | | | | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 |
| | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | | | | | | |
| ILL | 13.3 | 16.0 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 15.7 | 11.1 | 1,870 | 2,350 | 2,780 | 20,970 | 36,900 | 30,860 |
| IND | 37.0 | 42.0 | 46.5 | 35.0 | 40.0 | 45.5 | 1,900 | 2,500 | 2,800 | 66,430 | 100,000 | 127,400 |
| IOWA | 49.0 | 43.0 | 31.0 | 47.0 | 42.0 | 30.0 | 1,570 | 1,960 | 2,040 | 73,800 | 82,320 | 61,200 |
| KANS | 12.3 | 16.3 | 13.6 | 12.2 | 15.0 | 13.5 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,700 | 36,600 | 45,000 | 36,450 |
| KY | 13.2 | 21.2 | 20.0 | 13.0 | 20.9 | 19.3 | 2,030 | 2,000 | 2,825 | 26,330 | 41,800 | 54,520 |
| MICH | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 1,480 | 2,020 | 2,800 | 5,310 | 7,270 | 12,880 |
| MO | 9.8 | 14.8 | 10.0 | 9.2 | 14.5 | 9.6 | 1,270 | 1,850 | 2,850 | 11,670 | 26,830 | 27,360 |
| NEBR | 40.0 | 50.0 | 53.0 | 38.0 | 48.0 | 51.0 | 2,660 | 3,050 | 3,250 | 101,080 | 146,400 | 165,750 |
| OHIO | 16.0 | 19.9 | 20.0 | 15.8 | 19.4 | 19.4 | 2,150 | 2,325 | 3,500 | 34,030 | 45,100 | 67,900 |
| OTH STS 2/ | 4.1 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 2,160 | 2,165 | 2,834 | 7,980 | 11,048 | 17,290 |
| U S | 198.5 | 232.2 | 217.4 | 188.7 | 224.2 | 210.1 | 2,036 | 2,420 | 2,863 | 384,200 | 542,668 | 601,610 |

| STATE | PRICE PER CWT 1/ | | | VALUE OF PRODUCTION | | |
|------------|------------------|-------|------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 |
| | DOLLARS | | | 1,000 DOLLARS | | |
| ILL | 9.40 | 8.90 | 8.50 | 1,971 | 3,284 | 2,623 |
| IND | 10.10 | 10.60 | 8.50 | 6,709 | 10,600 | 10,829 |
| IOWA | 8.50 | 9.10 | 8.60 | 6,273 | 7,491 | 5,263 |
| KANS | 8.60 | 9.00 | 8.50 | 3,148 | 4,050 | 3,098 |
| KY | 10.10 | 9.10 | 8.50 | 2,659 | 3,804 | 4,634 |
| MICH | 9.90 | 10.20 | 8.70 | 526 | 742 | 1,121 |
| MO | 8.40 | 8.90 | 8.70 | 980 | 2,388 | 2,380 |
| NEBR | 8.70 | 8.80 | 8.70 | 8,794 | 12,883 | 14,420 |
| OHIO | 9.00 | 8.80 | 8.50 | 3,063 | 3,969 | 5,772 |
| OTH STS 2/ | 10.70 | 8.93 | 8.72 | 855 | 987 | 1,508 |
| U S | 9.10 | 9.25 | 8.58 | 34,978 | 50,198 | 51,648 |

1/ SHELLED CORN BASIS.
 2/ ALA, COLO AND TENN.