

POPCORN

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POPCORN ACREAGE DOWN 9 PERCENT

Growers planted an estimated 147 thousand acres (59.4 thousand hectares) to popcorn in 1978, according to the results of a survey conducted around June 1. This is 9 percent less than 1977 and nearly a third less than was planted in 1976. The acreage intended for harvest is estimated at 142 thousand acres (57.3 thousand hectares), 9 percent below last year.

Indiana and Nebraska remain the leading popcorn States with over one-half of the Nation's total acreage. Indiana popcorn acreage is unchanged from last year while Nebraska dropped 9 percent. All other States reported a drop in acreage except Illinois and Michigan.

Final estimates of the 1977 popcorn crop are included in this report. These revisions are based primarily on final data received from popcorn processors. The revised estimates show 432 million pounds (196 thousand metric tons) were harvested from 155 thousand acres (62.7 thousand hectares). *Average yield was revised to 2,788 pounds, up 102 pounds from the preliminary report published January 16, 1978, but below the record yield of 2,925 lbs. in 1976.

Preliminary production and yield estimates for the 1978 popcorn crop will be published in January 1979.

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STATE	AREA						YIELD		PRODUCTION ^{1/}	
	PLANTED			HARVESTED			1976	1977	1976	1977
	1976	1977	IND 1978	1976	1977	IND 1978				
1,000 ACRES						POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	11.6	9.5	9.9	11.3	9.1	9.7	2,790	2,590	31,530	23,570
IND	46.0	44.0	44.0	45.0	43.0	43.0	3,050	2,750	137,250	118,250
IOWA	29.0	16.0	14.0	28.0	15.0	13.0	2,040	2,150	57,120	32,250
KANS	13.6	10.3	7.0	13.5	10.1	6.9	2,750	2,590	37,125	26,160
KY	20.5	13.2	11.1	19.9	12.8	11.0	2,730	2,230	54,327	28,540
MICH	5.5	2.0	2.2	4.6	1.9	2.1	2,900	3,750	13,340	7,125
MO	10.0	4.8	3.1	9.6	4.6	2.8	2,850	1,700	27,350	7,820
NEBR	53.0	44.0	40.0	51.0	42.0	38.0	3,250	3,250	165,750	136,500
OHIO	19.4	13.2	12.3	18.8	12.7	11.9	3,550	3,350	66,740	42,550
OTH STS ^{2/}	6.3	3.8	3.2	6.1	3.6	3.2	2,834	2,457	17,290	8,845
U S	214.9	160.8	146.8	207.8	154.8	141.6	2,925	2,788*	607,832	431,610
	PRICE PER CWT						VALUE OF PRODUCTION			
	1976			1977			1976		1977	
	DOLLARS						1,000 DOLLARS			
ILL	8.50			8.60			2,680		2,027	
IND	9.65			10.40			13,245		12,298	
IOWA	8.50			8.30			4,855		2,677	
KANS	8.50			8.00			3,156		2,093	
KY	8.50			8.00			4,618		2,283	
MICH	9.35			8.55			1,247		609	
MO	8.70			8.75			2,380		684	
NEBR	8.70			8.10			14,420		11,057	
OHIO	8.45			8.10			5,640		3,447	
OTH STS ^{2/}	8.74			7.97			1,511		705	
U S	8.84			8.78			53,752		37,880	

^{1/} SHELLED CORN BASIS.

^{2/} ALA, COLO, AND TENN.

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