

# POPCORN

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## POPCORN PRODUCTION DECLINES SHARPLY

Popcorn growers produced 409 million pounds of shelled corn in 1977, a 33 percent decline from last year's record high 608 million pounds. All States recorded production declines, ranging from 29 percent in Missouri to 79 percent in Indiana. The reduction resulted from a 27 percent decline in harvested acres and smaller average yields. The 1977 average yield of 2,686 pounds per acre was 239 pounds less than the previous year. Yellow varieties accounted for 89 percent of the total production, the same as last year. Farmers field shelled 82 percent of the harvested acreage, equal to a year ago.

Weather conditions were generally favorable for the crop at planting time. Southern areas experienced early drought conditions which greatly reduced yields. Only Colorado and Michigan producers realized higher yields than in 1976. Harvesting conditions were mostly favorable but there were a few areas of excessively wet conditions which hampered progress.

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STATE	AREA						YIELD 1/			PRODUCTION 1/		
	PLANTED			HARVESTED			1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977						
	1,000 ACRES						POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	16.0	11.6	9.5	15.7	11.3	9.1	2,350	2,790	2,590	36,900	31,530	23,570
IND	42.0	46.0	43.0	40.0	45.0	42.0	2,500	3,050	2,580	100,000	137,250	108,360
IOWA	43.0	29.0	16.0	42.0	28.0	15.0	1,960	2,040	1,950	82,320	57,120	29,250
KANS	16.3	13.6	10.3	15.0	13.5	10.1	3,000	2,750	2,550	45,000	37,125	25,760
KY	21.2	20.5	13.2	20.9	19.9	12.8	2,000	2,730	2,230	41,800	54,327	28,540
MICH	3.7	5.5	2.0	3.6	4.6	1.9	2,020	2,900	3,700	7,270	13,340	7,030
MO	14.8	10.0	4.9	14.5	9.6	4.7	1,850	2,850	1,700	26,830	27,360	7,990
NEBR	50.0	53.0	43.0	48.0	51.0	41.0	3,050	3,250	3,150	146,400	165,750	129,150
OHIO	19.9	19.4	13.2	19.4	18.8	12.7	2,325	3,550	3,350	45,100	66,740	42,550
OTH STS 2/	5.3	6.3	3.2	5.1	6.1	3.0	2,165	2,834	2,277	11,048	17,290	6,830
U S	232.2	214.9	158.3	224.2	207.8	152.3	2,420	2,925	2,686	542,668	607,832	409,030
	PRICE PER						VALUE					
	CWT 1/						PRODUCTION					
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977
	DOLLARS						1,000 DOLLARS					
ILL	8.90	8.50	8.60	3,284	2,680	2,027						
IND	10.60	9.65	10.20	10,600	13,245	11,053						
IOWA	9.10	8.50	8.30	7,491	4,855	2,428						
KANS	9.00	8.50	8.00	4,050	3,156	2,061						
KY	9.10	8.50	8.00	3,804	4,618	2,283						
MICH	10.20	9.35	8.50	742	1,247	598						
MO	8.90	8.70	8.60	2,388	2,380	687						
NEBR	8.80	8.70	8.00	12,883	14,420	10,332						
OHIO	8.80	8.45	8.10	3,969	5,640	3,447						
OTH STS 2/	8.93	8.74	7.96	987	1,511	544						
U S	9.25	8.84	8.67	50,198	53,752	35,460						

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