

POPCORN

Released: January 15, 1982
3:00 P.M. ET



Crop
Reporting
Board

Statistical Reporting
Service

U.S. Department
of Agriculture

Washington, D.C.
20250

1981 POPCORN ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION UP SHARPLY

A record high 777 million pounds (352 thousand metric tons) of shelled popcorn was produced in 1981, 41 percent more than the 1980 production of 552 million pounds (251 thousand metric tons). Growers harvested 247 thousand acres (100 thousand hectares), 11 percent more than in 1980, and yields averaged 3142 pounds per acre, an increase of 665 pounds from 1980. The two largest producing States, Indiana and Nebraska, accounted for 59 percent of the 1981 total U.S. production. About 88 percent of acreage was field shelled in 1981, the same as in 1980. Yellow varieties amounted to 93 percent of the total compared with 91 percent a year earlier.

Due to the small 1980 crop and the high demand for popcorn, a considerable amount of acreage was contracted in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in 1981. This acreage was planted early in the spring and was harvested in July and August. Good crop quality and yield were reported. In the major producing areas, the popcorn crop was planted under generally favorable conditions except in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, where plantings were delayed by excessive rain. The growing conditions were ideal throughout most of the remainder of the season and a good crop was realized in most of the major producing States. In Nebraska, the largest producing State, excellent growing conditions boosted yields to near record levels. However, hail damage in the northern growing counties, coupled with an October freeze, resulted in higher than normal abandonment. In some of the major States, rainy weather during the fall delayed harvest and grain moisture levels at harvest time were well above normal. However, good quality was reported in most areas.

Estimates for Additional States: The "other States" total for 1980 and 1981 includes estimates for 11 minor producing States. Previously, only Alabama, Colorado, and Tennessee were included in this total. In addition to these three States, the 1980 and 1981 "other States" total includes California, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Texas. Other States production accounted for 2.5 percent of the U.S. production in 1980 and 6.9 percent of the production in 1981.

POPCORN

STATE	AREA						YIELD ^{1/}			PRODUCTION ^{1/}		
	PLANTED			HARVESTED			1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	1,000 ACRES						POUNDS			1,000 POUNDS		
ILL	17.0	16.5	16.0	16.2	15.8	14.4	2,950	2,000	2,680	47,790	31,600	38,590
IND	51.0	50.0	51.0	50.0	48.0	47.0	2,950	2,550	3,150	147,500	122,400	148,050
IOWA	18.0	30.0	25.0	17.0	29.0	24.0	2,550	2,100	2,700	43,350	60,900	64,800
KANS	4.0	5.5	3.0	3.9	4.2	2.9	3,300	2,140	3,070	12,870	8,990	8,900
KY	11.0	21.1	20.6	10.0	20.0	18.4	2,820	1,490	2,580	28,200	29,800	47,470
MICH	5.5	7.0	7.0	5.4	6.9	6.9	3,400	2,750	3,500	18,360	18,980	24,150
MO	4.4	12.0	13.0	4.3	11.0	13.0	3,250	1,570	3,000	13,980	17,270	39,000
NEBR	58.0	68.0	92.0	55.0	66.0	88.0	3,100	2,950	3,500	170,500	194,700	308,000
OHIO	14.1	16.7	15.6	18.9	16.5	15.3	3,200	3,250	2,880	44,480	53,625	44,060
OTH STS ^{2/}	4.0	5.8	18.6	3.6	5.6	17.3	2,646	2,510	3,100	9,530	14,045	53,600
U S	187.0	232.6	261.8	179.3	223.0	247.2	2,993	2,477	3,142	536,560	552,310	776,620
	PRICE PER CWT ^{1/}						VALUE OF PRODUCTION					
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	DOLLARS						1,000 DOLLARS					
ILL	8.80	9.75	12.40	4,206	3,081	4,785						
IND	10.90	11.50	14.50	16,078	14,076	21,467						
IOWA	8.30	9.40	12.60	3,598	5,725	8,165						
KANS	8.80	9.90	12.60	1,133	890	1,121						
KY	8.90	9.80	13.00	2,510	2,920	6,171						
MICH	9.00	9.60	12.80	1,652	1,822	3,091						
MO	8.90	9.80	14.20	1,244	1,692	5,538						
NEBR	8.30	10.80	13.00	14,152	21,028	40,040						
OHIO	8.50	9.80	12.60	3,781	5,255	5,552						
OTH STS ^{2/}	8.85	11.70	13.20	843	1,639	7,094						
U S	9.17	10.50	13.30	49,197	58,128	103,024						

^{1/} SHELLED CORN BASIS.

^{2/} ALA, CALIF, COLO, FLA, GA, MINN, N.C., PA, S.DAK, TENN, TEX; FOR 1979-ALA, COLO, AND TENN.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

To stop mailing or to change your address send this sheet with label intact, showing new address, to Crop Reporting Board Publications, SRS, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Rm 5829 South Building, 14th & Independence Ave S.W., Wash., D.C. 20250.

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGR 101
FIRST CLASS

