

POPCORN

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POPCORN ACREAGE UP SHARPLY

The 1980 planted acreage of popcorn is placed at 223 thousand acres (90.4 thousand hectares) based on a survey of growers and contractors around June 1. This year's planted acres are up 19 percent from a year earlier. Farmers expect to harvest 214 thousand acres (86.6 thousand hectares) for popcorn, also up 19 percent from 1979.

Of the 12 States estimating this crop, 7 indicated an increase in planted acreages and 5 showed declines. Iowa was up 12.0 thousand acres, Kentucky up 11.0 thousand, and Nebraska up 5000 acres. Nebraska with 63.0 thousand acres has the largest acreage planted to popcorn. Nebraska, Indiana, Iowa and Kentucky account for 74 percent of the Nation's popcorn acreage.

Final estimates of the 1979 crop are included in this report. Estimates were based on final data received from popcorn processors. Revised estimates show production of 537 million pounds (243 thousand metric tons) harvested from 179 thousand acres (72.6 thousand hectares) giving a derived yield of 2992 pounds per acre.

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STATE	AREA						YIELD		PRODUCTION <u>1/</u>	
	PLANTED			HARVESTED			1978	1979	1978	1979
	1978	1979	IND 1980	1978	1979	IND 1980				
	1,000 ACRES						POUNDS		1,000 POUNDS	
ILL	11.9	17.0	15.8	11.6	16.2	15.6	2,030	2,950	23,550	47,790
IND	45.0	51.0	50.0	44.0	50.0	48.0	3,000	2,950	132,000	147,500
IOWA	12.0	18.0	30.0	11.5	17.0	29.0	2,450	2,550	28,180	43,350
KANS	5.9	4.0	5.5	5.8	3.9	5.2	2,270	3,300	13,170	12,870
KY	9.7	11.0	22.0	9.4	10.0	21.0	1,370	2,820	12,880	28,200
MICH	2.2	5.5	6.6	2.1	5.4	6.4	3,450	3,400	7,250	18,360
MO	3.1	4.4	12.0	3.0	4.3	11.0	2,600	3,250	7,800	13,975
NEBR	39.0	58.0	63.0	38.0	55.0	60.0	3,400	3,100	129,200	170,500
OHIO	13.0	14.1	15.6	12.6	13.9	15.0	3,050	3,200	38,430	44,480
OTH STS <u>2/</u>	3.1	4.0	2.8	3.1	3.6	2.7	2,113	2,646	6,550	9,526
U S	144.9	187.0	223.3	141.1	179.3	213.9	2,828	2,992	399,010	536,551
	PRICE PER CWT						VALUE OF PRODUCTION			
	1978			1979			1978		1979	
	DOLLARS						1,000 DOLLARS			
ILL	8.10			8.80			1,908		4,206	
IND	9.90			10.90			13,068		16,078	
IOWA	7.40			8.30			2,085		3,598	
KANS	7.75			8.80			1,021		1,133	
KY	7.75			8.90			998		2,510	
MICH	8.20			9.00			595		1,652	
MO	8.20			8.90			640		1,244	
NEBR	7.70			8.30			9,948		14,152	
OHIO	7.55			8.50			2,901		3,781	
OTH STS <u>2/</u>	7.69			8.84			504		842	
U S	8.44			9.17			33,668		49,196	

1/ SHELLED CORN BASIS.

2/ ALA, COLO, AND TENN.