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Wisconsin Ag News – Hay Stocks

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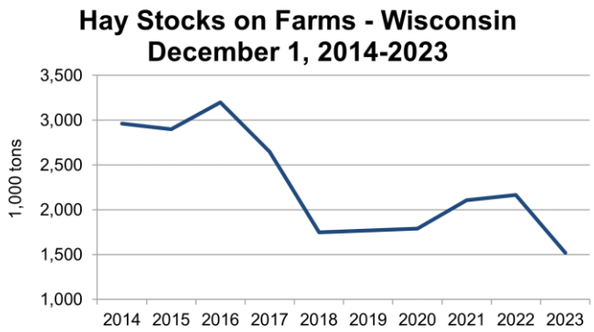
All hay stored on Wisconsin farms as of December 1, 2023, was estimated at 1.52 million tons, down 30 percent from December 1, 2022, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Disappearance from May 1, 2023, through December 1, 2023, totaled 1.28 million tons, compared with 1.46 million tons for the same period in 2022.



Hay Stocks on Farms – Wisconsin and United States: May 1 and December 1, 2022-2023

	May 1		December 1	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Wisconsin	630	560	2,165	1,520
United States	16,777	14,333	71,761	76,721

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All hay stored on United States farms as of December 1, 2023, totaled 76.7 million tons, up 7 percent from December 1, 2022. Disappearance from May 1, 2023 - December 1, 2023, totaled 56.4 million tons, down 1 percent from the same period in 2022.

Record low December 1 hay stock levels were estimated in Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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Wisconsin Ag News – Storage Capacity

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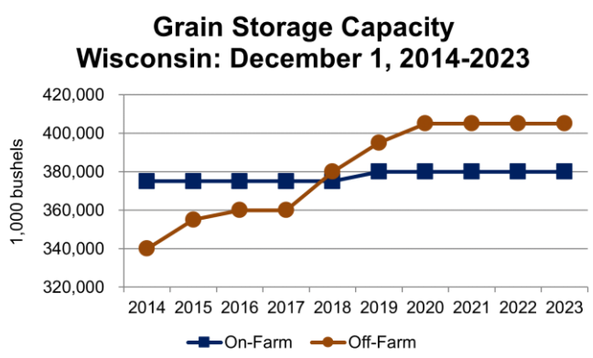
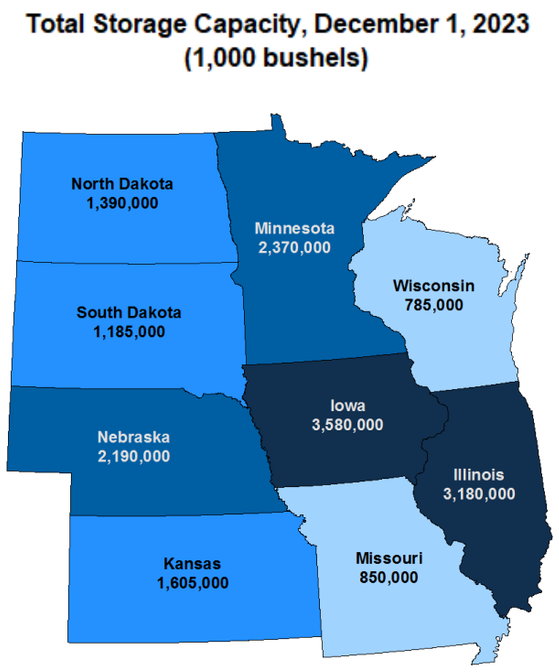
Wisconsin on-farm storage capacity on December 1, 2023, was 380 million bushels, unchanged from December 1, 2022, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Grain Stocks* report. Wisconsin's 310 off-farm storage facilities had a storage capacity of 405 million bushels, unchanged from the previous year. As of December 1, 2023, Wisconsin had a total of 785 million bushels of storage capacity.

On-farm capacity included all bins, cribs, sheds, and other structures located on farms that are normally used to store whole grains, oilseeds, or pulse crops. Off-farm capacity included all elevators, warehouses, terminals, merchant mills, other storage, and oilseed crushers, which store whole grains, soybeans, canola, flaxseed, mustard seed, safflower, sunflower, rapeseed, Austrian winter peas, dry edible peas, lentils, and chickpeas/garbanzo beans. Capacity data exclude facilities used to store only rice or peanuts, oilseed crushers processing only cottonseed or peanuts, tobacco warehouses, seed warehouses, and storage facilities that handle only dry edible beans, other than chickpeas/garbanzo beans.

Grain Storage Capacity – Wisconsin and Selected States: December 1, 2022 and 2023

State	On-farm storage capacity		Off-farm storage capacity		Total storage capacity	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Illinois	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,650,000	1,680,000	3,150,000	3,180,000
Iowa	2,050,000	2,050,000	1,520,000	1,530,000	3,570,000	3,580,000
Kansas	385,000	385,000	1,200,000	1,220,000	1,585,000	1,605,000
Minnesota	1,550,000	1,550,000	820,000	820,000	2,370,000	2,370,000
Missouri	550,000	560,000	290,000	290,000	840,000	850,000
Nebraska	1,200,000	1,200,000	990,000	990,000	2,190,000	2,190,000
North Dakota	930,000	930,000	460,000	460,000	1,390,000	1,390,000
South Dakota	740,000	740,000	445,000	445,000	1,185,000	1,185,000
Wisconsin	**380,000**	**380,000**	**405,000**	**405,000**	**785,000**	**785,000**
United States	13,580,000	13,592,000	11,822,905	11,875,900	25,402,905	25,467,900





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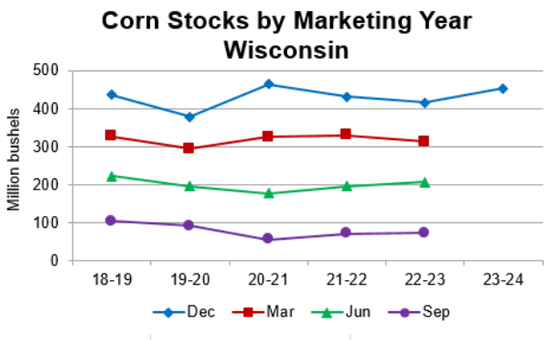
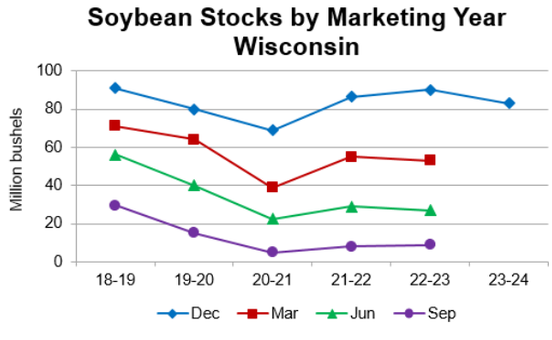
Corn stored in all positions in Wisconsin on December 1, 2023, totaled 453 million bushels, up 9 percent from December 1, 2022, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Grain Stocks* report. Of the total stocks, 57 percent were stored on-farm. The September-November indicated disappearance totaled 173 million bushels, 11 percent below the 195 million bushels from the same quarter the previous year.

Soybeans stored in all positions in Wisconsin on December 1, 2023, totaled 83.0 million bushels, down 7 percent from December 1, 2022. Of the total stocks, 33 percent were stored on-farm. Indicated disappearance for September-November 2023 was 31.5 million bushels, 8 percent below the 34.4 million bushels from the same quarter the previous year.





Grain Stocks by Position – Wisconsin and United States: December 1, 2022-2023

Position and grain	Wisconsin			United States		
	December 1, 2022	December 1, 2023	'23 as % of '22	December 1, 2022	December 1, 2023	'23 as % of '22
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(percent)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(percent)
On-farm stocks						
Corn	250,000	260,000	104	6,740,000	7,830,000	116
Oats	1,900	1,450	76	24,180	24,030	99
Soybeans	28,000	27,000	96	1,477,000	1,453,000	98
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	361,900	394,960	109
Off-farm stocks [1]						
Corn	165,607	193,341	117	4,073,207	4,338,869	107
Oats	3,538	6,670	189	29,515	38,546	131
Soybeans	61,548	55,988	91	1,544,152	1,546,949	100
Wheat	27,549	28,382	103	949,930	1,015,294	107
Total stocks						
Corn	415,607	453,341	109	10,813,207	12,168,869	113
Oats	5,438	8,120	149	53,695	62,576	117
Soybeans	89,548	82,988	93	3,021,152	2,999,949	99
Wheat	(D)	(D)	(X)	1,311,830	1,410,254	108

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.
[1] Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

United States Grain Stocks

Corn stored in all positions on December 1, 2023, totaled 12.2 billion bushels, up 13 percent from December 1, 2022. Of the total stocks, 7.83 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 16 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 4.34 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2023 indicated disappearance is 4.53 billion bushels, compared with 4.21 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on December 1, 2023, totaled 3.00 billion bushels, down 1 percent from December 1, 2022. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 1.45 billion bushels, down 2 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.55 billion bushels, are up slightly from last December. Indicated disappearance for September - November 2023 totaled 1.43 billion bushels, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2023, totaled 1.41 billion bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 395 million bushels, up 9 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.02 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from a year ago. The September - November 2023 indicated disappearance is 357 million bushels, 23 percent below the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2023, totaled 62.6 million bushels, up 17 percent from the stocks on December 1, 2022. Of the total stocks on hand, 24.0 million bushels are stored on farms, down 1 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 38.5 million bushels, up 31 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance during September - November 2023 totaled 12.7 million bushels.

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Corn for grain production in Wisconsin for 2023 was estimated at 553 million bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production 2023 Summary*. Current year production was up 3 percent from the previous year's 538 million bushels. Wisconsin's corn for grain yield was estimated at 176.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 3.14 million acres, 150,000 acres above 2022. Corn planted for all purposes in 2023 was estimated at 4.00 million acres.

Corn for silage production was estimated at 16.4 million tons, down 16 percent from 2022. The silage yield estimate of 21.0 tons per acre was down 1.5 tons per acre from 2022. Producers harvested 780,000 acres of corn for silage, down 10 percent from 2022.

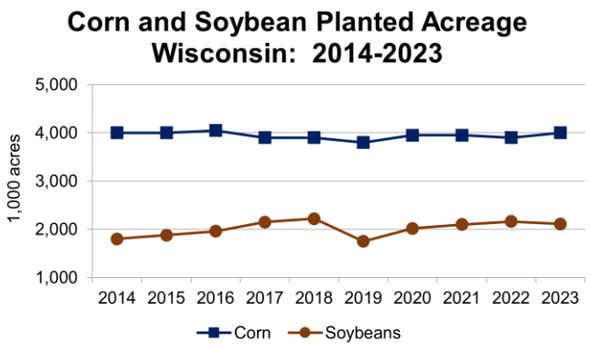
Soybean production was estimated at 105 million bushels in 2023. This was down 10 percent from last year's 116 million bushels. The Wisconsin soybean crop yielded 51.0 bushels per acre in 2023. The harvested acreage of 2.06 million was down 90,000 acres from 2022. Soybean planted acreage, at 2.11 million, was down 50,000 acres from 2022.

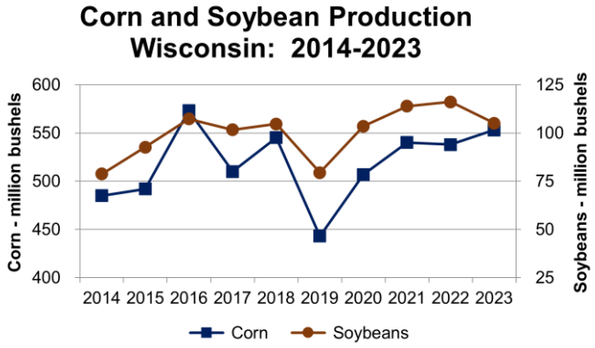
All hay production for the state was estimated at 2.24 million tons, down 25 percent from the 2.99 million tons produced in 2022. Producers averaged 2.17 tons per acre, down 0.55 tons per acre from 2022. All hay harvested acres were estimated at 1.03 million acres, down 70,000 acres from 2022.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay production was estimated at 1.73 million tons, down 30 percent from 2022. Producers averaged 2.70 tons per acre, down 0.40 tons per acre from 2022. Harvested acres were down 160,000 from last year, to 640,000 acres. Wisconsin producers seeded 210,000 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures in 2023, down 19 percent from 2022.

Other hay production was estimated at 507,000 tons, down 1 percent from 2022. Producers averaged 1.30 tons per acre, down 0.40 tons from the 2022 yield. Harvested acres of other hay, at 390,000, were up 90,000 acres from 2022.

Potato production for 2023 was estimated at 29.4 million cwt, up 12 percent from 2022. Producers averaged 435 cwt per acre, up 9 percent from the 2022 yield. Planted and harvested acres were estimated at 68,000 acres and 67,500 acres, respectively.





Crop Production Summary – Wisconsin and United States: 2022-2023

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
WISCONSIN								
Corn for grain[1] ..... bushels	3,900	4,000	2,990	3,140	180.0	176.0	538,200	552,640
Corn for silage ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	870	780	22.5	21.0	19,575	16,380
Hay, all ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	1,100	1,030	2.72	2.17	2,990	2,235
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	800	640	3.10	2.70	2,480	1,728
Hay, other ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	300	390	1.70	1.30	510	507
Oats ..... bushels	140	135	65	75	74.0	61.0	4,810	4,575
Potatoes ..... cwt	66.0	68.0	65.5	67.5	400	435	26,200	29,363
Rye[2] ..... bushels	230	240	20	15	58.0	41.0	1,160	615
Soybeans ..... bushels	2,160	2,110	2,150	2,060	54.0	51.0	116,100	105,060
Wheat, winter ..... bushels	300	280	235	230	78.0	76.0	18,330	17,480
UNITED STATES								
Corn for grain[1] ..... bushels	88,162	94,641	78,705	86,513	173.4	177.3	13,650,531	15,341,595
Corn for silage ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	6,851	6,471	18.7	20.1	128,287	129,994
Hay, all ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	48,711	52,821	2.29	2.25	111,738	118,769
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	15,153	15,634	3.22	3.19	48,838	49,916
Hay, other ..... tons	(NA)	(NA)	33,558	37,187	1.87	1.90	62,900	68,853
Oats ..... bushels	2,582	2,555	880	831	65.5	68.6	57,669	57,045
Potatoes ..... cwt	923.0	965.0	918.2	960.2	438	459	402,054	440,750
Rye[2] ..... bushels	2,175	2,293	345	322	36.1	32.2	12,453	10,375
Soybeans ..... bushels	87,450	83,600	86,174	82,356	49.6	50.6	4,270,381	4,164,677
Wheat, winter ..... bushels	33,281	36,699	23,454	24,683	47.0	50.6	1,103,062	1,247,748

(NA) Not available.
[1] Area planted for all purposes.
[2] Includes area planted in preceding fall.

U.S. Corn Supply and Use [1]

CORN	2021-2022	2022-2023 (Est.)	2023-2024 Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning stocks	1,235	1,377	1,360
Production	15,018	13,651	15,342
Imports	24	39	25
Supply, total	16,277	15,066	16,727
Feed & residual	5,671	5,486	5,675
Food, seed & industrial .	6,757	6,559	6,790
Ethanol & by-products ...	5,320	5,176	5,375
Domestic, total	12,427	12,045	12,465
Exports	2,472	1,661	2,100
Use, total	14,900	13,706	14,565
Ending stocks	1,377	1,360	2,162
Avg. farm price ($/bu)	6.00	6.54	4.80

[1] Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report http:/www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm

U.S. Soybean Supply and Use [1]

SOYBEANS	2021-2022	2022-2023 (Est.)	2023-2024 Projections January
	(million bushels)	(million bushels)	(million bushels)
Beginning stocks	257	274	264
Production	4,464	4,270	4,165
Imports	16	25	30
Supply, total	4,737	4,569	4,459
Crushings	2,204	2,212	2,300
Exports	2,152	1,992	1,755
Seed	102	97	101
Residual	5	4	23
Use, total	4,463	4,305	4,179
Ending stocks	274	264	280
Avg. farm price ($/bu) ...	13.30	14.20	12.75

[1] Source: USDA OCE World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report http:/www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm

United States Crop Production

Corn for grain production in 2023 was estimated at a record high 15.3 billion bushels, up 12 percent from the 2022 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at a record high 177.3 bushels per acre, 3.9 bushels above the 2022 yield of 173.4 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 86.5 million acres, up 10 percent from the 2022 estimate.

Soybean production in 2023 totaled 4.16 billion bushels, down 2 percent from 2022. The average yield per acre was estimated at 50.6 bushels, up 1.0 bushel from 2022. Harvested area, at 82.4 million acres, was down 4 percent from last year.

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