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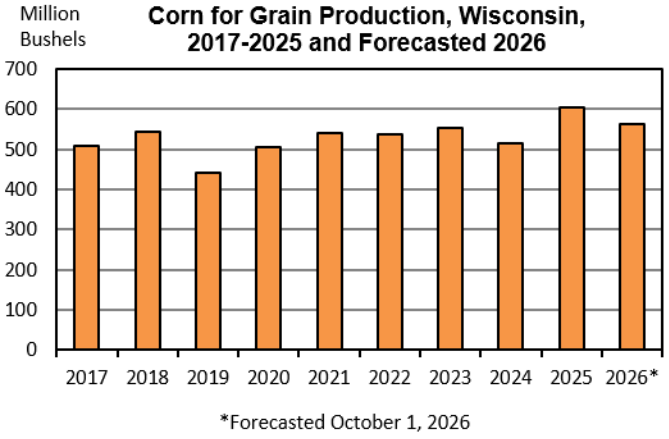
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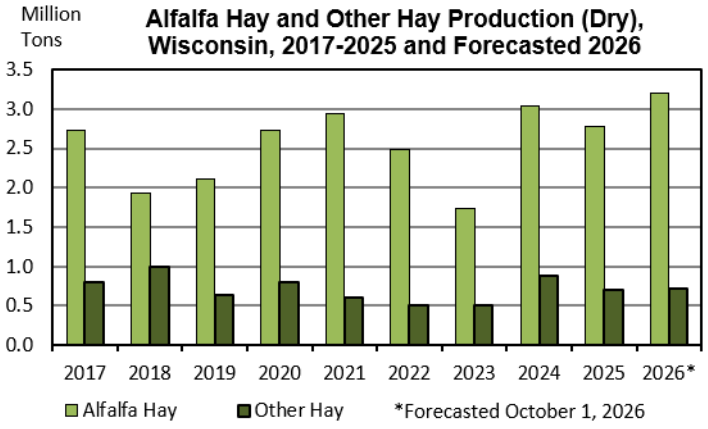
Wisconsin **corn** production is forecast at 564 million bushels, down 7 percent from the previous year, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Crop Production* report. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 182.0 bushels per acre, down 6.0 bushels from last year. An estimated 3.10 million acres will be harvested for grain.

Soybean production is forecast at 120 million bushels, up 6 percent from the previous year. The yield is forecast at 54.0 bushels per acre, 2.0 bushels lower than 2025. Soybean harvested acreage is estimated at 2.22 million.

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** for hay is forecast at 3.20 million tons, up 15 percent from the previous year. Yield is expected to average 3.90 tons per acre, unchanged from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 820,000 acres, up 110,000 acres from last year. Production of **other hay** is forecast at 720,000 tons, up 2 percent from last year. Yield for other hay is expected to average 1.80 tons per acre, up 0.20 tons from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 400,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from last year.

The forecasts in this report are based on October 1 conditions and do not reflect weather effects since that time.





Area Harvested, Yield, and Production –
Wisconsin and United States: 2025 and Forecasted October 1, 2026

	Area harvested 2025 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2026 (1,000 acres)	Yield per acre 2025	Yield per acre 2026	Production 2025 (1,000)	Production 2026 (1,000)
WISCONSIN						
Corn ..... bushels	3,210	3,100	188.0	182.0	603,480	564,200
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	710	820	3.90	3.90	2,769	3,198
Hay, other ..... tons	440	400	1.60	1.80	704	720
Soybeans ..... bushels	2,020	2,220	56.0	54.0	113,120	119,880
UNITED STATES						
Corn ..... bushels	90,948	88,506	186.5	181.2	16,963,628	16,033,944
Hay, alfalfa ..... tons	14,676	14,685	3.42	3.44	50,213	50,562
Hay, other ..... tons	34,881	35,102	2.09	1.99	72,818	69,965
Soybeans ..... bushels	80,417	85,881	53.0	53.1	4,261,038	4,561,605

United States Crop Production

Corn production for grain is forecast at 16.0 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but down 5 percent from 2025. If realized, this would be the second highest grain production on record for the Nation. The average yield is forecast at 181.2 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous forecast and but down 5.3 bushels from 2025.

Soybean production for beans is forecast at a record high 4.56 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 7 percent from 2025. Yields are expected to average a record high 53.1 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from the previous forecast and up 0.1 bushel from 2025.

Monthly Prices

Corn – The average price received by farmers for corn during August 2026 in Wisconsin was $4.28 per bushel according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 12 cents above the July price and 33 cents above August 2025.

Soybeans – The August 2026 average price received by farmers for soybeans, at $11.40 per bushel, was 20 cents above the July price and $1.80 above the August 2025 price.

Oats – The August average oat price per bushel, at $3.52, was 5 cents below July and 15 cents below August 2025.

Hay – All hay prices in Wisconsin averaged $136.00 per ton in August. This was up $8.00 from the July price and $28.00 above the August 2025 price.

Alfalfa Hay – The August 2026 alfalfa hay price, at $151.00, was $8.00 above the previous month and $31.00 above August 2025.

Other Hay – The average price received for other hay during August was $96.00 per ton. This was $5.00 above the July price and $22.00 above August last year.

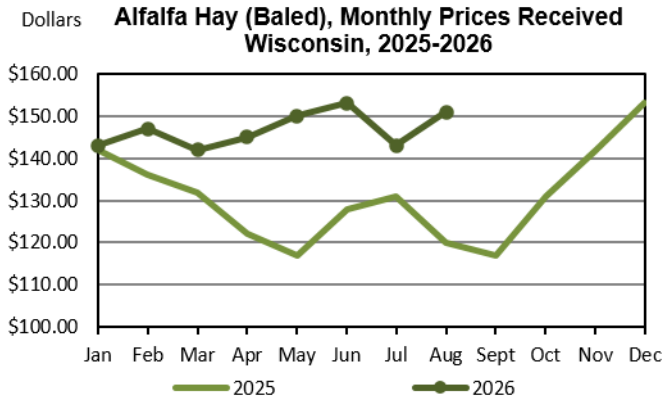
Prices Received by Farmers – Wisconsin and United States (in dollars)

Crop	Wisconsin August 2025	Wisconsin July 2026	Wisconsin August 2026	United States August 2025	United States July 2026	United States August 2026
Corn ..... bu	3.95	4.16	4.28	3.96	4.26	4.45
Hay, all baled ..... ton	108.00	128.00	136.00	161.00	184.00	190.00
Alfalfa ..... ton	120.00	143.00	151.00	171.00	203.00	206.00
Other ..... ton	74.00	91.00	96.00	136.00	143.00	152.00
Oats ..... bu	3.67	3.57	3.52	3.27	3.10	3.02
Soybeans ..... bu	9.60	11.20	11.40	10.00	11.60	12.10

Livestock Prices Received by Farmers – United States (in dollars)

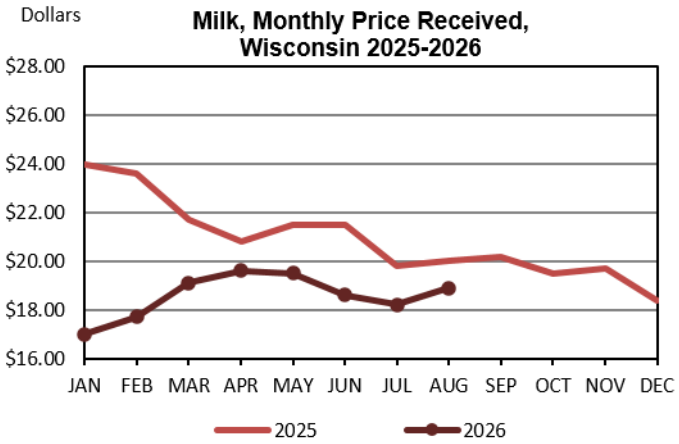
Livestock	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026
Calves ..... cwt	437.00	482.00	455.00
Cattle, all beef ..... cwt	236.00	246.00	231.00
Cows[1] ..... cwt	162.00	175.00	172.00
Steers & heifers ..... cwt	239.00	249.00	234.00
Hogs, all ..... cwt	79.80	71.00	70.50
Barrows & gilts ..... cwt	79.10	71.80	70.80
Sows ..... cwt	95.20	54.70	64.10
Eggs, market[2] ..... doz	2.20	0.78	0.77

[1]Beef cows and cull dairy cows for slaughter
[2]Also referred to as table eggs



Milk Prices

The Wisconsin all milk price for August 2026 was $18.90 per hundredweight (cwt) according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Agricultural Prices* report. This was $0.70 above last month's price and $1.10 below last August's price. The U.S. all milk price for August was $19.80 per cwt, $0.90 above Wisconsin's price and $0.50 lower than last month's U.S. price.



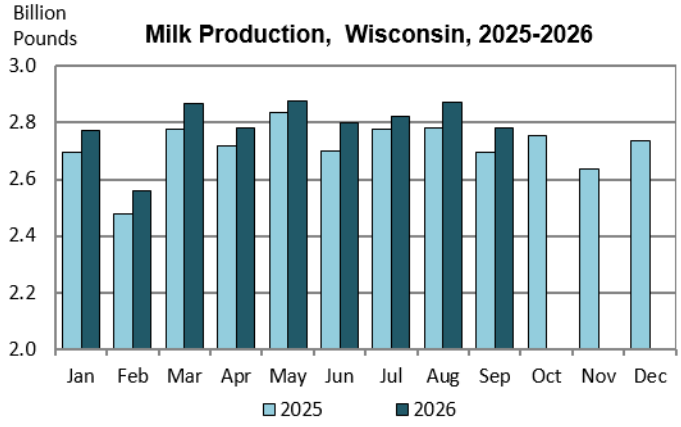
Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States

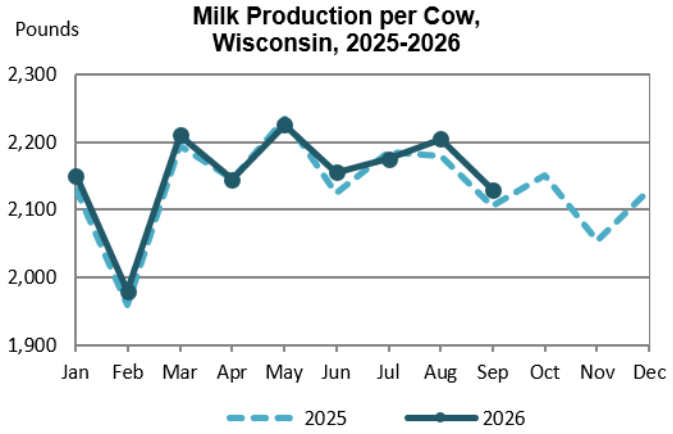
[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.]

State	August 2025 Price (dollars per cwt)	August 2025 Fat test (percent)	July 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	July 2026 Fat test (percent)	August 2026 Price (dollars per cwt)	August 2026 Fat test (percent)
Arizona	20.70	4.02	20.40	4.06	19.60	4.06
California	20.90	4.17	21.00	4.20	21.00	4.22
Colorado	20.20	3.87	18.60	3.84	18.20	3.83
Florida	25.20	3.86	27.50	3.83	24.70	3.88
Georgia	26.00	3.86	27.70	3.87	25.40	3.90
Idaho	21.10	4.19	19.20	4.28	19.10	4.26
Illinois	20.80	4.12	20.30	4.12	19.60	4.09
Indiana	22.00	4.01	22.50	4.01	21.30	4.03
Iowa	19.80	4.23	18.10	4.26	18.90	4.27
Kansas	19.30	4.17	18.30	4.23	17.30	4.14
Michigan	20.80	4.13	20.70	4.15	19.70	4.18
Minnesota	20.40	4.33	18.70	4.33	19.60	4.37
New Mexico	19.20	4.01	19.90	4.05	18.60	4.03
New York	21.70	4.14	21.70	4.21	20.40	4.24
Ohio	22.20	4.08	22.30	4.08	21.60	4.07
Oregon	21.20	4.32	20.30	4.36	20.70	4.37
Pennsylvania	21.30	4.07	21.50	4.13	20.10	4.15
South Dakota	20.10	4.37	18.00	4.42	19.00	4.41
Texas	20.90	4.32	21.40	4.34	19.30	4.33
Utah	20.60	4.02	20.20	4.05	18.90	4.05
Vermont	22.10	4.22	21.90	4.26	20.50	4.28
Virginia	24.90	3.99	26.80	4.01	24.60	4.05
Washington	21.10	4.26	21.20	4.34	19.30	4.32
Wisconsin	**20.00**	**4.15**	**18.20**	**4.12**	**18.90**	**4.14**
United States	20.90	4.16	20.30	4.19	19.80	4.20

Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during September 2026 totaled 2.78 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous September according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during September, at 1.31 million head, was up 26,000 from September 2025. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,130 pounds, up 25 pounds from last September.





Milk Cows and Production – 24 Selected States: September 2025 and 2026

State	Milk Cows[1] (1,000 Head) 2025	Milk Cows[1] (1,000 Head) 2026	Milk Per Cow[2] (Pounds) 2025	Milk Per Cow[2] (Pounds) 2026	Milk Production[2] (Million Pounds) 2025	Milk Production[2] (Million Pounds) 2026
Arizona	200	190	1,840	1,840	368	350
California	1,713	1,718	1,920	1,915	3,289	3,290
Colorado	211	218	2,135	2,145	450	468
Florida	99	100	1,615	1,630	160	163
Georgia	89	92	1,885	1,955	168	180
Idaho	725	742	2,125	2,150	1,541	1,595
Illinois	79	76	1,725	1,750	136	133
Indiana	193	204	1,950	1,980	376	404
Iowa	246	247	2,015	2,030	496	501
Kansas	219	248	1,960	1,985	429	492
Michigan	460	472	2,265	2,290	1,042	1,081
Minnesota	452	458	1,935	1,955	875	895
New Mexico	236	235	1,980	1,985	467	466
New York	649	662	2,095	2,140	1,360	1,417
Ohio	252	255	1,820	1,840	459	469
Oregon	123	130	1,725	1,740	212	226
Pennsylvania	460	457	1,700	1,720	782	786
South Dakota	235	252	1,950	1,960	458	494
Texas	706	730	2,125	2,140	1,500	1,562
Utah	98	95	1,920	1,920	188	182
Vermont	116	115	1,785	1,800	207	207
Virginia	67	67	1,665	1,670	112	112
Washington	234	235	1,970	1,995	461	469
Wisconsin	**1,280**	**1,306**	**2,105**	**2,130**	**2,694**	**2,782**
24-State Total	9,142	9,304	1,994	2,012	18,230	18,724

[1]Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
[2]Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Dairy Products

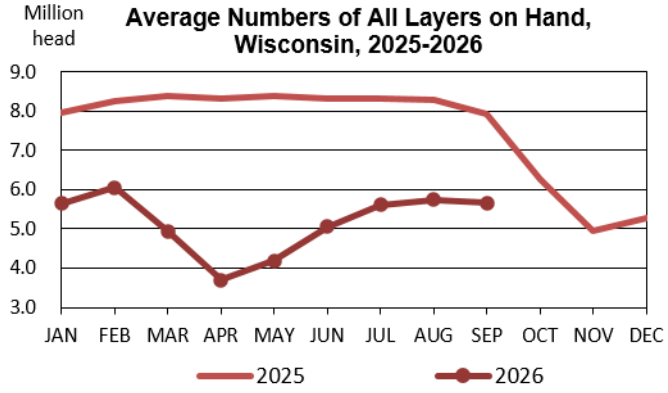
Cheese production in Wisconsin totaled 303 million pounds in August 2026, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Dairy Products* report. This was up 2 percent from the previous August. American cheese production in Wisconsin was down 10 percent, and Italian cheese production rose 8 percent.

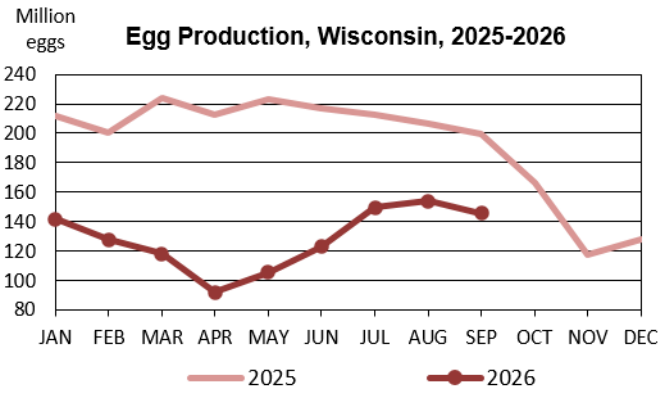
Cheese Production – Wisconsin and United States

Type	Wisconsin August 2025 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin July 2026 (1,000 pounds)	Wisconsin August 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States August 2025 (1,000 pounds)	United States July 2026 (1,000 pounds)	United States August 2026 (1,000 pounds)
American						
Cheddar	51,749	47,243	44,151	328,904	328,981	325,876
Total American	82,041	78,188	73,719	481,321	480,089	477,038
Italian						
Mozzarella	95,298	92,386	97,355	413,596	432,871	420,892
Total Italian	148,999	156,882	161,142	522,071	550,699	541,326
Total Cheese	296,030	308,677	303,124	1,228,182	1,263,348	1,245,418

Chickens & Eggs

Wisconsin egg production during September 2026 was 146 million eggs, down 27 percent from the previous September, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Chickens and Eggs* report. The average number of all layers on hand during September 2026 was 5.65 million, down 29 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for September was 2,579, up 2 percent from a year ago.





Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – Wisconsin and United States: September 2025 and 2026

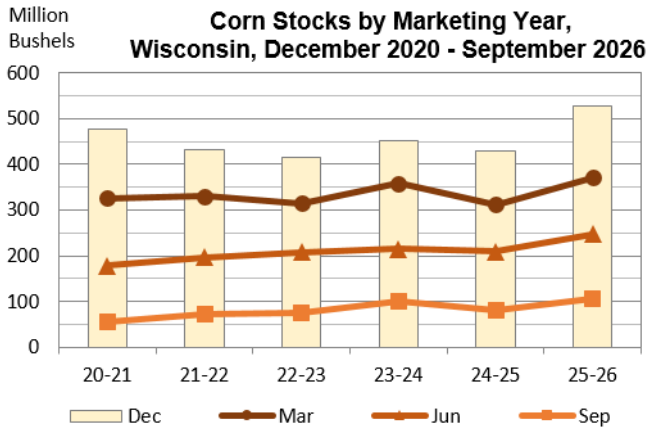
Commodity	Wisconsin 2025	Wisconsin 2026	United States 2025	United States 2026
Table egg layers in flocks 30,000 & above ..... 1,000 layers	6,732	4,473	290,939	306,449
Total layers ..... 1,000 layers	7,932	5,653	368,338	385,065
Eggs per 100 layers ..... eggs	2,520	2,579	2,363	2,390
Total egg production ..... million eggs	199.9	145.8	8,704.1	9,203.0
Table egg production ..... million eggs	193.3	139.8	7,448.6	7,931.6

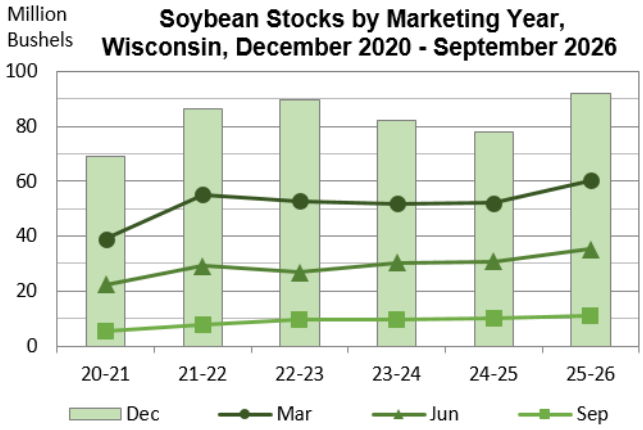
Grain Stocks

Corn stored in all positions in Wisconsin on September 1, 2026, totaled 106 million bushels, up 29 percent from September 1, 2025, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Grain Stocks report. Of the total stocks, 40 percent were stored on-farm.

Soybeans stored in all positions in Wisconsin on September 1, 2026, totaled 11.5 million bushels, up 13 percent from September 1, 2025. Of the total stocks, 31 percent were stored on-farm.

Oats stored in all positions in Wisconsin on September 1, 2026, totaled 6.70 million bushels, up 20 percent from the 5.58 million bushels on hand September 1, 2025. Of the total stocks, 37 percent were stored on-farm.





Grain Stocks by Position – Wisconsin and United States (1,000 bushels)

	Wisconsin September 1, 2025	Wisconsin September 1, 2026	United States September 1, 2025	United States September 1, 2026
Corn				
On-Farm Stocks	36,000	42,000	643,200	787,300
Off-Farms Stocks[1]	46,124	64,238	908,086	1,307,757
Total Stocks	82,124	106,238	1,551,286	2,095,057
Oats				
On-Farm Stocks	2,700	2,500	41,350	42,800
Off-Farms Stocks[1]	2,883	4,201	22,691	24,667
Total Stocks	5,583	6,701	64,041	67,467
Soybeans				
On-Farm Stocks	3,000	3,600	91,500	90,400
Off-Farms Stocks[1]	7,135	7,898	233,306	224,733
Total Stocks	10,135	11,498	324,806	315,133
All Wheat				
On-Farm Stocks	(D)	(D)	692,240	546,500
Off-Farms Stocks[1]	33,711	29,204	1,441,778	1,299,243
Total Stocks	(D)	(D)	2,134,018	1,845,743

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
[1]Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

United States

Old crop corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2026 totaled 2.10 billion bushels, up 35 percent from September 1, 2025. Of the total, 787 million bushels are stored on-farm and 1.31 billion bushels were stored offfarm. June – August 2026 indicated disappearance is 3.20 billion bushels, compared with 3.10 billion bushels during the same period a year ago.

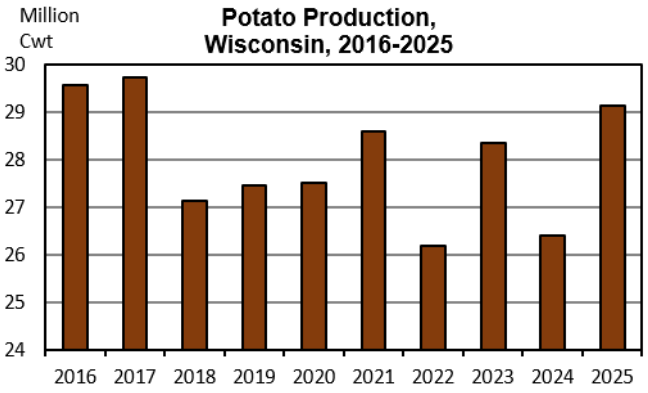
Old crop soybean stocks in all positions on September 1, 2026 totaled 315 million bushels, down 3 percent from September 1, 2025. Of the total, 90.4 million bushels are stored on-farm and 225 million bushels were stored off-farm. June – August 2026 indicated disappearance is 744 million bushels, compared with 683 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

All wheat stocks in all positions on September 1, 2026 totaled 1.85 billion bushels, down 14 percent from September 1, 2025. Of the total, 547 million bushels are stored on-farm and 1.30 billion bushels were stored offfarm. June – August 2026 indicated disappearance is 608 million bushels, compared with 710 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

Oats stored in all positions on September 1, 2026 totaled 67.5 million bushels, 5 percent above the stocks on September 1, 2025. Of the total stocks on hand, 42.8 million bushels are stored on farms, 4 percent higher than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 24.7 million bushels, 9 percent above the previous year. Indicated disappearance during June - August 2026 totaled 33.4 million bushels, compared with 33.9 million bushels during the same period a year ago.

Potatoes

Wisconsin potato production in 2025 totaled 29.1 million cwt, up 10 percent from 2024, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Potatoes 2025 Summary*. The state's potato growers planted 68,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2024. Harvested acres in 2025 were reported at 67,000, up 1,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre, at 435 cwt, was up 9 percent from the previous year. Price per cwt, at $16.00, was 60 cents above 2024. Total value of production of the state's potato crop was $466 million in 2025, up 15 percent from 2024.



Potato Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – Selected States and United States: 2024-2025

	Area planted 2024 (1,000 acres)	Area planted 2025 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2024 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2025 (1,000 acres)	Yield per acre 2024 (cwt)	Yield per acre 2025 (cwt)	Production 2024 (1,000 cwt)	Production 2025 (1,000 cwt)
Colorado	54.0	55.0	53.8	54.8	410	420	22,058	23,016
Idaho	315.0	315.0	314.5	314.5	430	445	135,235	139,953
Maine	54.0	52.0	53.9	51.9	340	330	18,326	17,127
Michigan	48.0	49.0	47.5	48.5	430	420	20,425	20,370
Minnesota	43.0	40.0	42.6	39.7	420	435	17,892	17,270
North Dakota	73.0	70.0	72.3	69.3	350	350	25,305	24,255
Oregon	43.0	41.0	42.9	41.0	610	635	26,169	26,035
Washington	160.0	145.0	159.5	144.5	620	630	98,890	91,035
Wisconsin	**67.0**	**68.0**	**66.0**	**67.0**	**400**	**435**	**26,400**	**29,145**
United States	932.0	908.0	927.0	903.2	454	462	421,172	417,594

Potato Production, Seed Use, Farm Disposition, Price, and Value – Selected States and United States: 2025 Crop

	Production (1,000 cwt)	Total used for seed (1,000 cwt)	On-farm seed, feed, home use (1,000 cwt)	Shrink and loss (1,000 cwt)	Sold (1,000 cwt)	Price per cwt (dollars)	Value of production[1] (1,000 dollars)	Value of Sales[1] (1,000 dollars)
Colorado	23,016	1,431	561	1,948	20,507	7.74	178,144	158,734
Idaho	139,953	7,560	886	8,770	130,297	8.10	1,133,619	1,055,420
Maine	17,127	1,196	99	1,100	15,928	14.80	253,480	235,150
Michigan	20,370	(D)	(D)	(D)	19,127	14.30	291,291	273,891
Minnesota	17,270	825	106	965	16,199	12.90	222,783	208,170
North Dakota	24,255	1,561	118	1,581	22,556	12.20	295,911	274,481
Oregon	26,035	1,070	403	1,680	23,952	10.10	262,954	242,906
Washington	91,035	3,598	292	5,626	85,117	9.06	824,777	771,436
Wisconsin	**29,145**	**1,630**	**507**	**1,737**	**26,901**	**16.00**	**466,320**	**430,363**
United States	417,594	21,914	3,534	25,638	388,422	10.80	4,513,221	4,208,241

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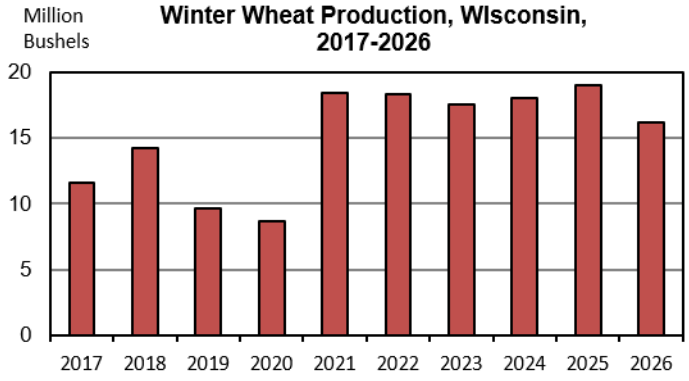
Small Grains

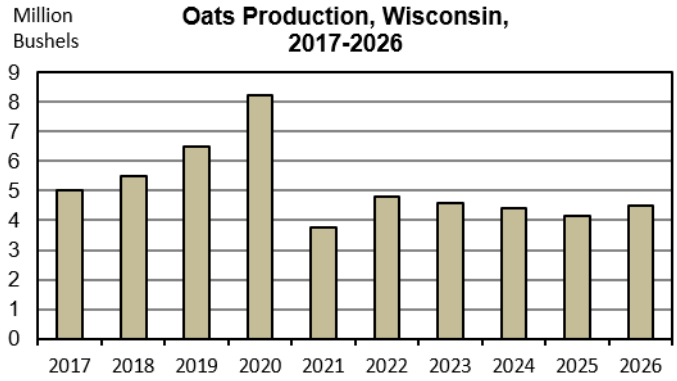
Winter wheat production in Wisconsin was estimated at 16.2 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2025 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Small Grains 2026 Summary*. Planted area, at 240,000 acres, was down 20 percent from last year. Winter wheat area harvested for grain was 195,000 acres, down 22 percent from last year. Winter wheat yield, at a record 83.0 bushels per acre, was up 7.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Oat production was estimated at 4.51 million bushels, up 9 percent from last year. Oats planted, at 145,000 acres, was down 3 percent from last year. Harvested area for grain was 61,000 acres, down 6 percent from the harvested acres in 2025. Oat yield, at 74.0 bushels per acre, was up 10.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Barley production, estimated at 186,000 bushels, was up 32 percent from last year. Planted area, at 11,000 acres, was down 8 percent from 2025. Harvested area for grain, at 3,000 acres, was unchanged from last year. The Wisconsin barley yield was 62.0 bushels per acre, up 15.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Rye production in Wisconsin was estimated at 880,000 bushels, up 50 percent from last year. Planted area, at 260,000 acres, was up 18 percent from 2025. Harvested area for grain, at 20,000 acres, was up 43 percent from last year. The Wisconsin rye yield was 44.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels per acre from last year.





Small Grains Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – Wisconsin and United States: 2025-2026

	Area planted 2025 (1,000 acres)	Area planted 2026 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2025 (1,000 acres)	Area harvested 2026 (1,000 acres)	Yield per acre 2025 (bushels)	Yield per acre 2026 (bushels)	Production 2025 (1,000 bushels)	Production 2026 (1,000 bushels)
WISCONSIN								
Barley	12	11	3	3	47.0	62.0	141	186
Oats	150	145	65	61	64.0	74.0	4,160	4,514
Rye	220	260	14	20	42.0	44.0	588	880
Wheat, winter	300	240	250	195	76.0	83.0	19,000	16,185
UNITED STATES								
Barley	2,307	2,206	1,783	1,604	79.9	72.1	142,508	115,667
Oats	2,370	2,638	944	917	73.8	75.3	69,626	69,081
Rye	2,209	2,095	339	235	36.6	37.0	12,399	8,701
Wheat, winter	33,248	31,200	25,582	20,890	54.9	48.8	1,405,403	1,019,380

United States

All wheat production totaled 1.53 billion bushels in 2026, down 23 percent from the revised 2025 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 31.9 million acres, down 15 percent from 2025. The average yield for the Nation was 48.1 bushels per acre, down 5.2 bushels from the previous year. By type, production was estimated at 1.02 billion bushels for winter wheat; 450 million bushels for other spring wheat; and 64.8 million bushels for Durum wheat.

Production for oats in 2026 was estimated at 69.1 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2025. Area harvested for grain, at 917 thousand acres, was down 3 percent from last year. Yield was estimated at 75.3 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from the previous year.

Barley production for the Nation was estimated at 116 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2025. Area harvested for grain, at 1.60 million acres, was down 10 percent from last year. The average yield, at 72.1 bushels per acre, was down 7.8 bushels from the previous year.

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