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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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Or refer to this link for the article: https://iaitc.co/yeildestimates

Use the article titled: USDA snips corn, soybean yield estimates

**Questions**

1. Define each of the following:
   1. USDA
   2. NASS
2. What does NASS project national averages for corn and soybeans to be at?
3. What are the projections for Illinois corn and soybeans?
4. What caused Illinois averages to drop?
5. What do projections for other states like Nebraska, Iowa and Indiana look like?
6. How many acres of Illinois were planted in corn this year? In soybeans?
7. Are you surprised by the amount of corn and soybeans planted in Illinois? Explain your answer.

Answers

1. Defined
   1. USDA--United States Department of Agriculture
   2. NASS—National Agricultural Statistics Services
2. Corn 173.8 bushels per acres, Soybeans 50.1 bushels per acre
3. Illinois projected to be 198 bushels per acre for corn and 61 bushels per acre for soybeans.
4. A wave of tornadoes, and extreme weather in the spring followed by abnormally dry conditions and drought for much of the summer, with continued hot and dry conditions early fall.
5. All declined.
6. 11.2 million acres of corn, 10.35 million acres of soybeans.
7. Answers will vary.