## AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY OUTLOOK: IMPLICATIONS FOR PROCESSING VEGETABLES

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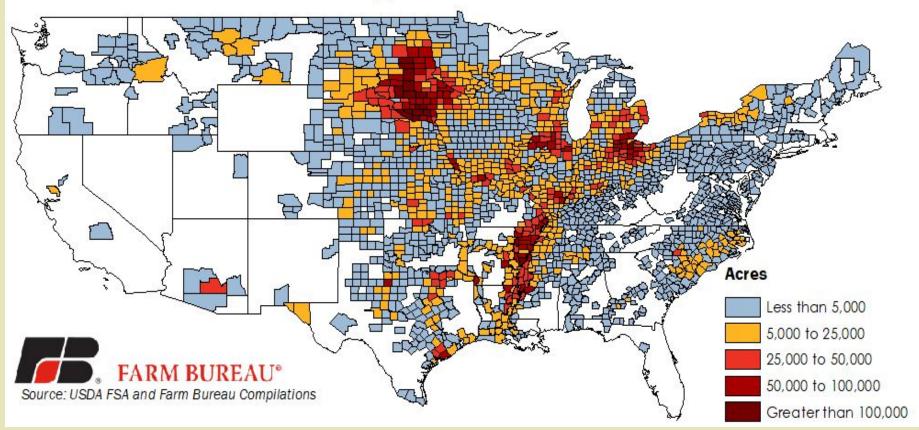
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## **Goal Today**

- Review 2019 production issues for corn and soybeans
- 2020 market expectations for corn and soybeans
- Evidence on the farm financial situation

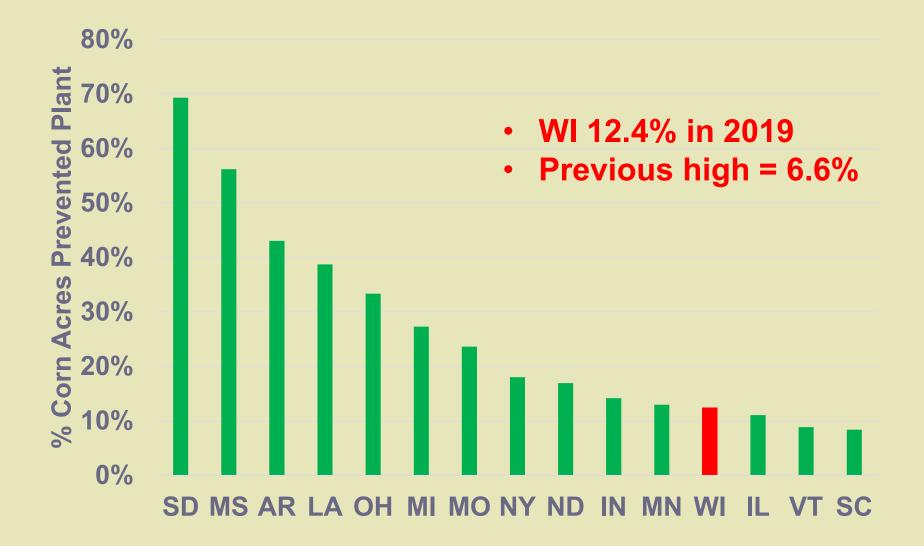
## Prevent Planting Set a Record in 2019 at 20 Million Acres

#### Figure 2. All Acres Prevented From Being Planted, 2019 August 22 Release

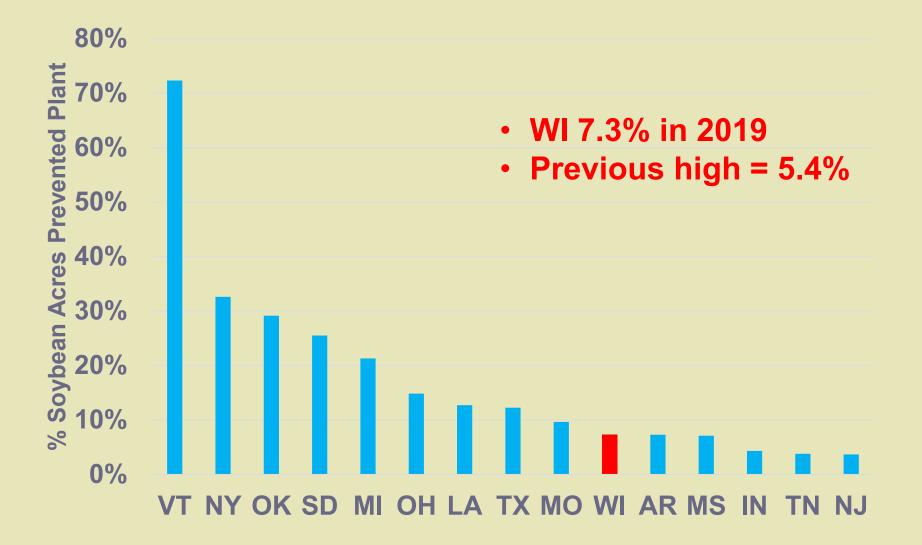


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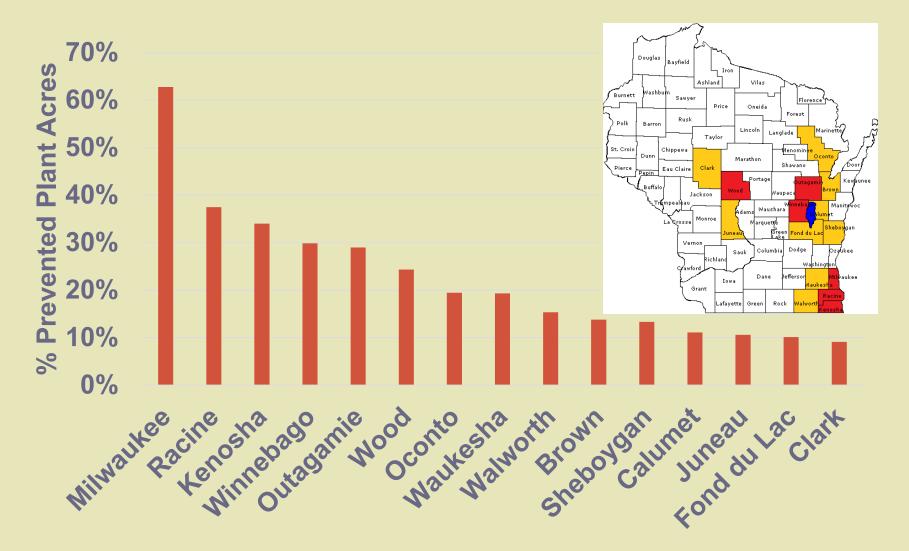
## % Corn Acres Prevented Plant By State



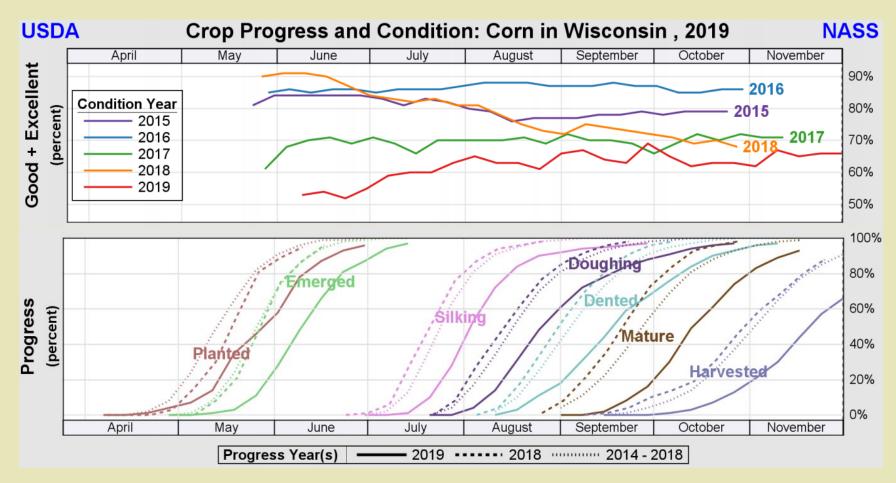
### % Soybean Acres Prevented Plant By State



### % Prevented Plant Acres by WI County

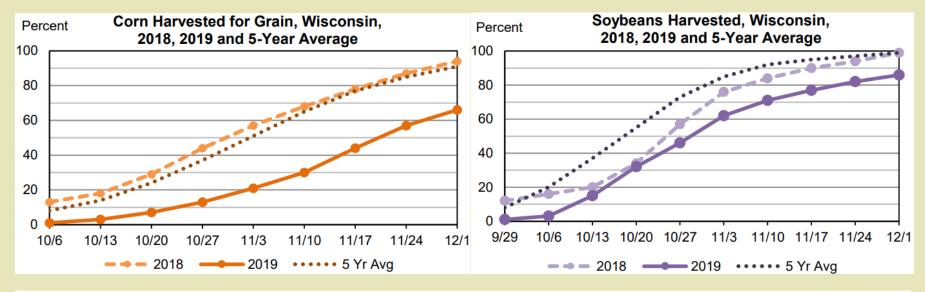


# Corn 10-14 days behind much of summer and much less good to excellent condition



Source: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts\_and\_Maps/Crop\_Progress\_&\_Condition/2019/WI\_2019.pdf

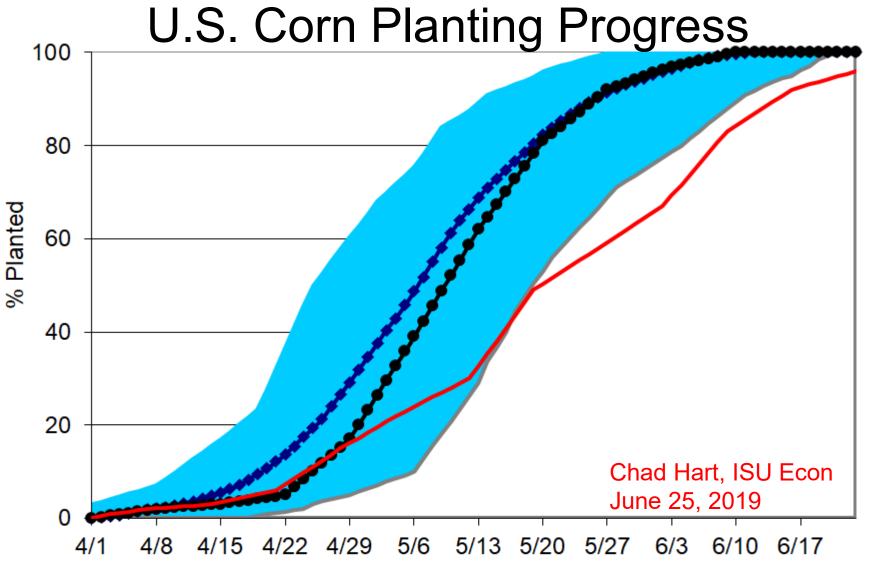
## Dec 1 Crop Progress Report for WI



#### Crop Progress as of December 1, 2019

	Districts							State					
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)									
Corn harvested for grain	64	43	55	57	57	62	80	75	65	66	57	94	91
Soybeans harvested	93	81	75	95	91	73	84	86	86	86	82	99	99

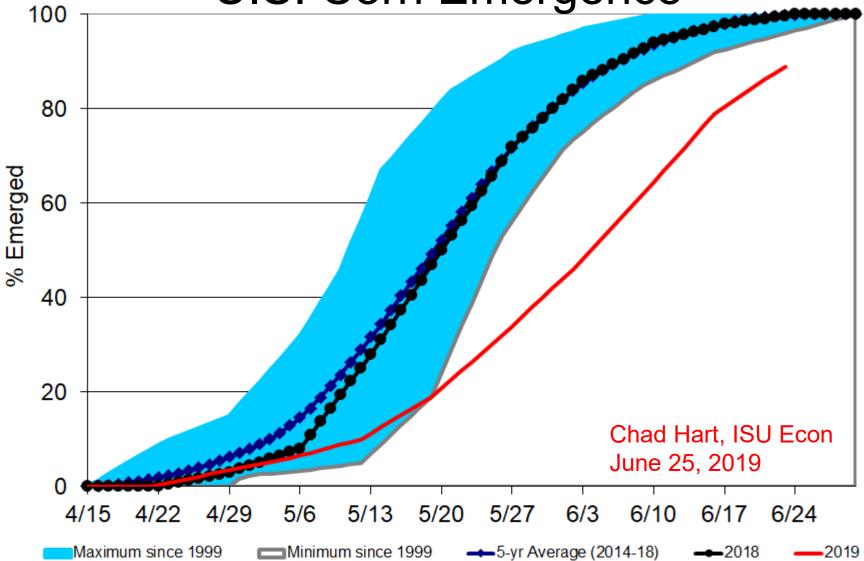
- Corn 66% harvested (91% 5-yr avg), Low = 45% in NC
- Soybeans 86% harvested (99% 5-yr avg), Low = 75% in NE



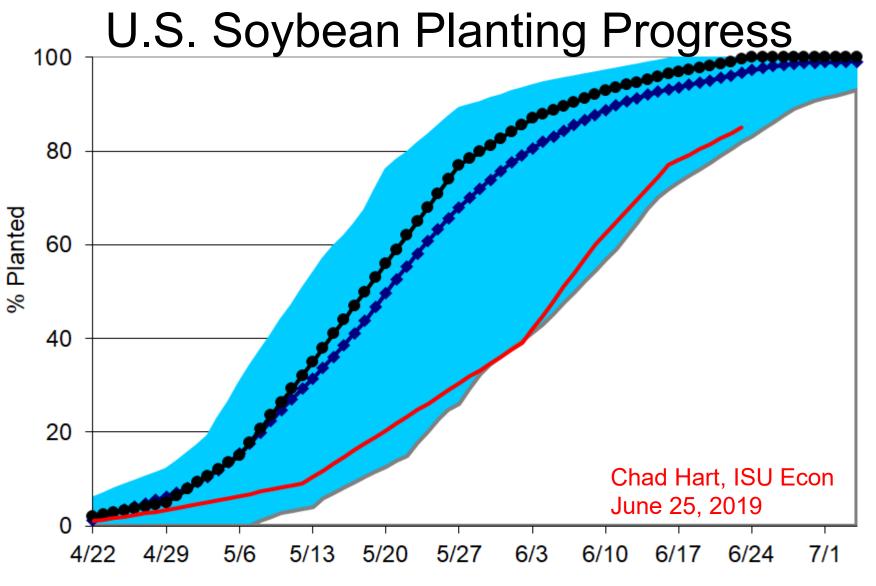
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## U.S. Corn Emergence

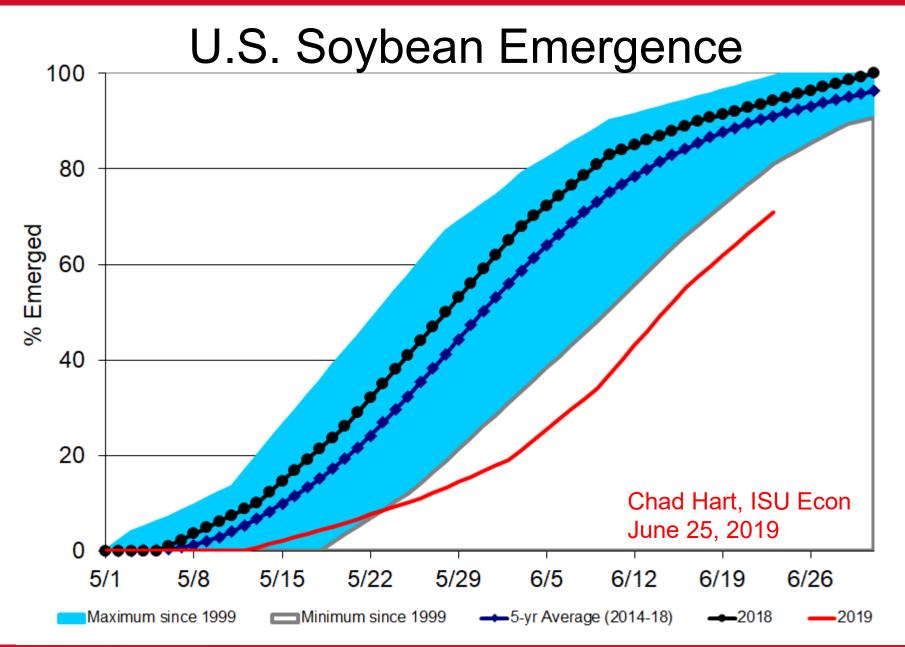


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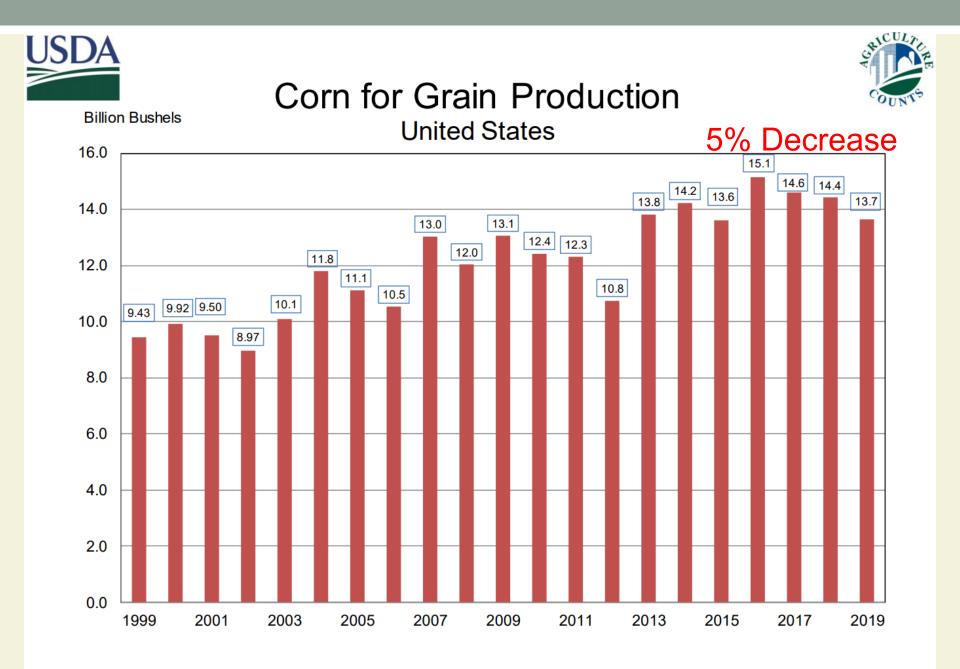


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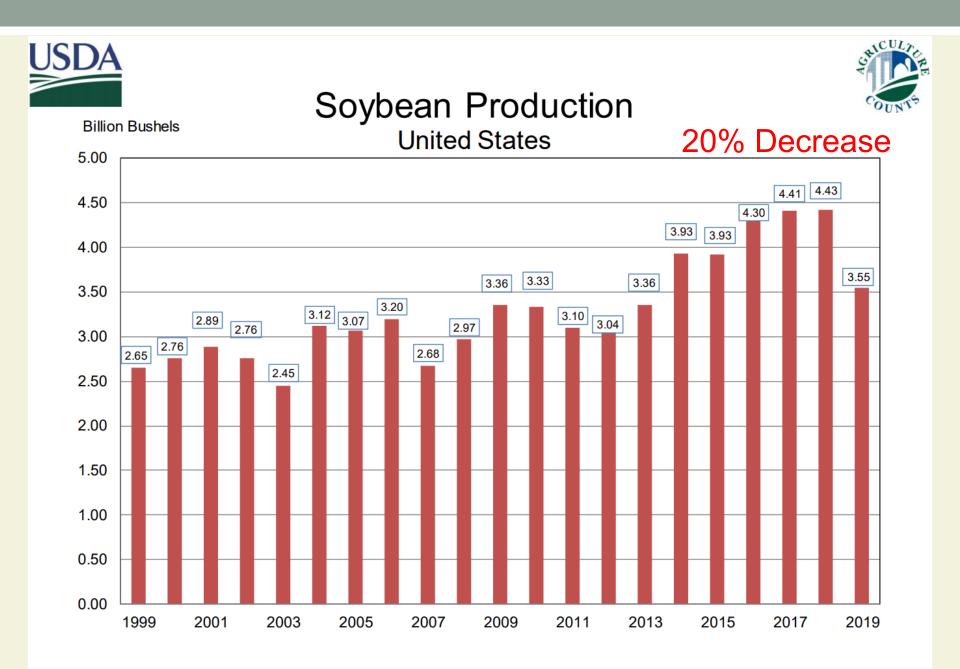


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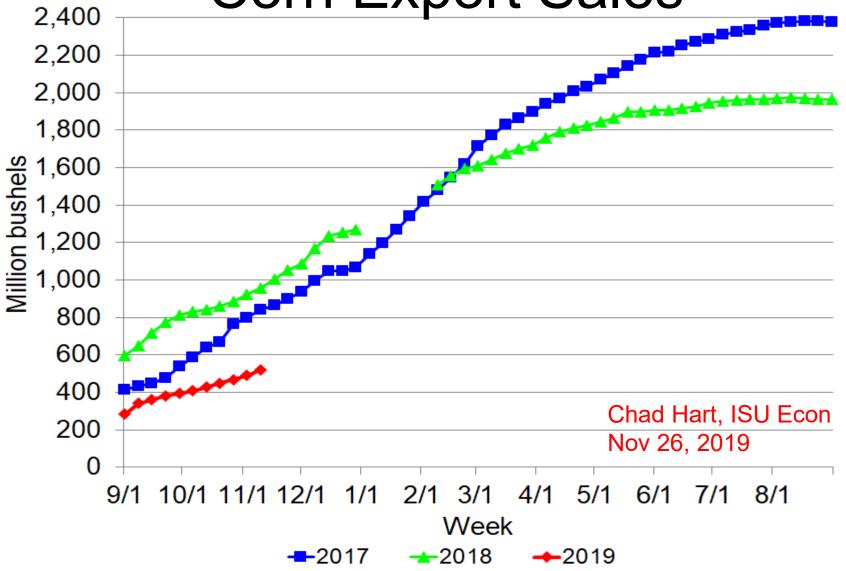
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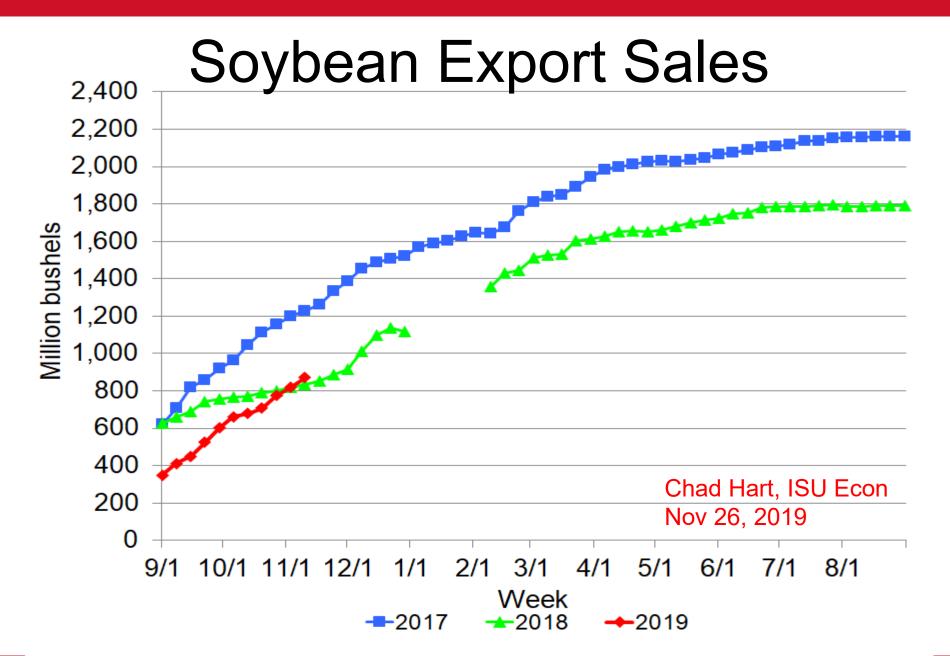
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## **Corn Export Sales**



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## U.S. Corn Supply and Use

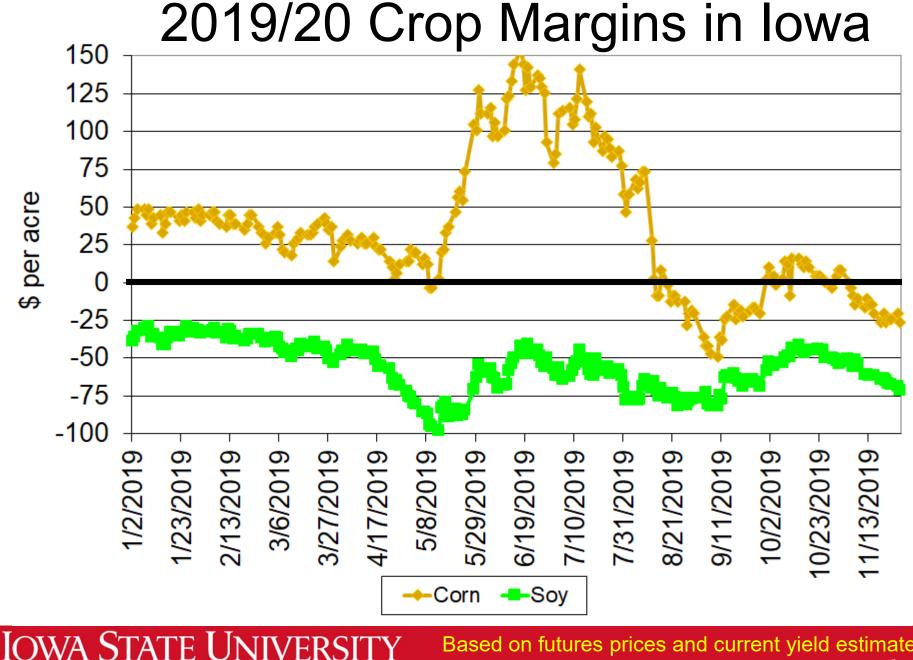
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Area Planted	(mil. acres)	94.0	90.2	89.1	89.9	94.5
Yield	(bu./acre)	174.6	176.6	176.4	167.0	178.5
Production	(mil. bu.)	15,148	14,609	14,420	13,661	15,545
Beg. Stocks	(mil. bu.)	1,737	2,293	2,140	2,114	1,910
Imports	(mil. bu.)	57	36	28	50	25
Total Supply	(mil. bu.)	16,942	16,939	16,588	15,825	17,480
Feed & Residual	(mil. bu.)	5,470	5,304	5,618	5,275	5,775
Ethanol	(mil. bu.)	5,432	5,605	5,376	5,375	5,450
Food, Seed, & Other	(mil. bu.)	1,453	1,451	1,425	1,415	1,420
Exports	(mil. bu.)	2,294	2,438	2,065	1,850	2,100
Total Use	(mil. bu.)	14,649	14,799	14,474	13,915	14,745
Ending Stocks	(mil. bu.)	2,293	2,140	2,114	1,910	2,735
Season-Average Price	(\$/bu.)	3.36	3.36	3.61	3.85	3.40

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## U.S. Soybean Supply and Use

		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Area Planted	(mil. acres)	83.4	90.2	89.2	76.5	84.0
Yield	(bu./acre)	52.0	49.3	50.6	46.9	50.5
Production	(mil. bu.)	4,296	4,412	4,428	3,550	4,200
Beg. Stocks	(mil. bu.)	197	302	438	913	475
Imports	(mil. bu.)	22	22	14	20	20
Total Supply	(mil. bu.)	4,515	4,735	4,880	4,483	4,695
Crush	(mil. bu.)	1,901	2,055	2,092	2,105	2,135
Seed & Residual	(mil. bu.)	146	113	138	128	132
Exports	(mil. bu.)	2,166	2,129	1,748	1,775	1,895
Total Use	(mil. bu.)	4,214	4,297	3,967	4,008	4,162
Ending Stocks	(mil. bu.)	302	438	913	475	533
Season-Average Price	(\$/bu.)	9.47	9.33	8.48	9.00	8.85

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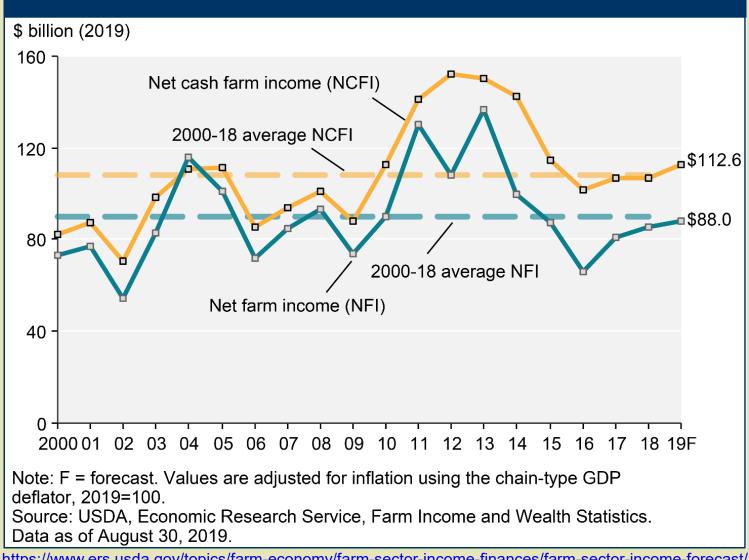


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Based on futures prices and current yield estimates Ag Decision Maker

## US Farm Income Near Long-Run Average

Net farm income and net cash farm income, 2000-19F

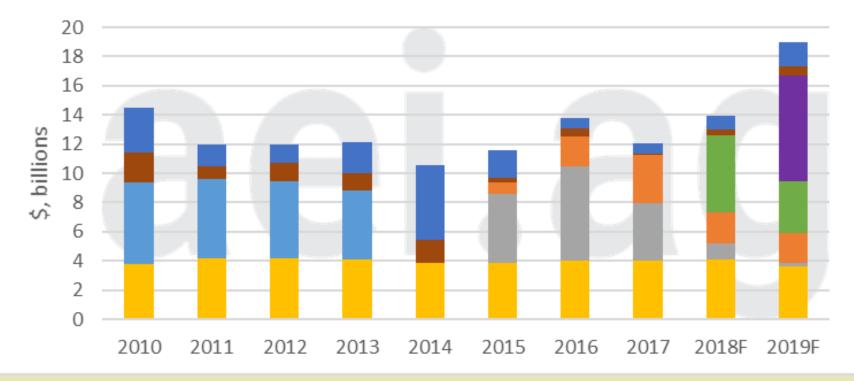


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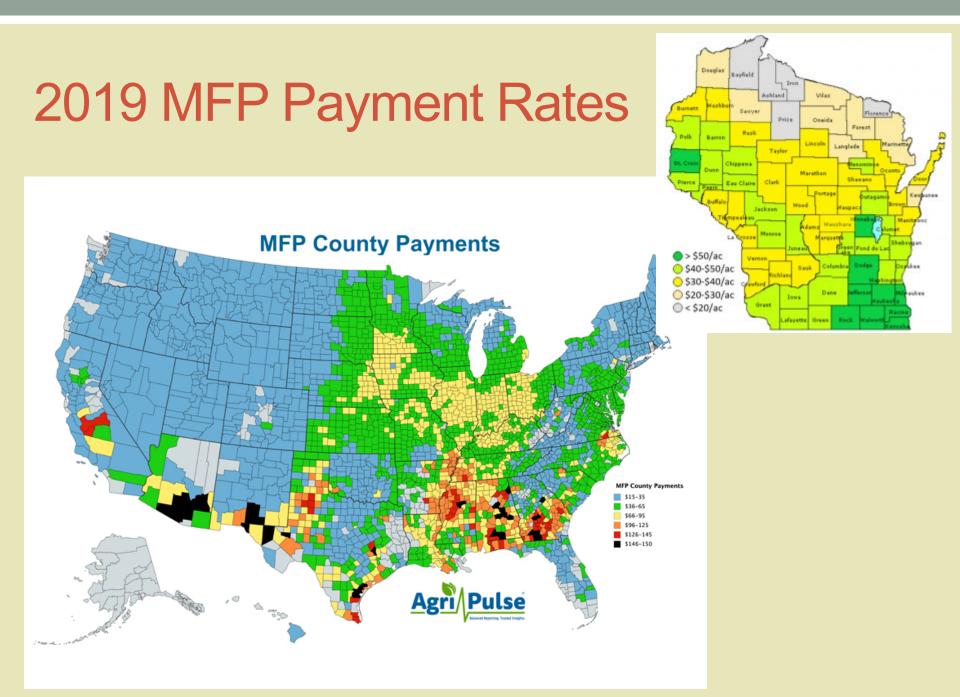
## MFP Payments in 2019 almost \$11 Billion

#### Form of Direct Farm Payments

Conservation ■ Fixed direct ■ ARC ■ PLC ■ '18 MFP ■ '19 MFP ■ Other ■ Supp. & ad hoc disaster



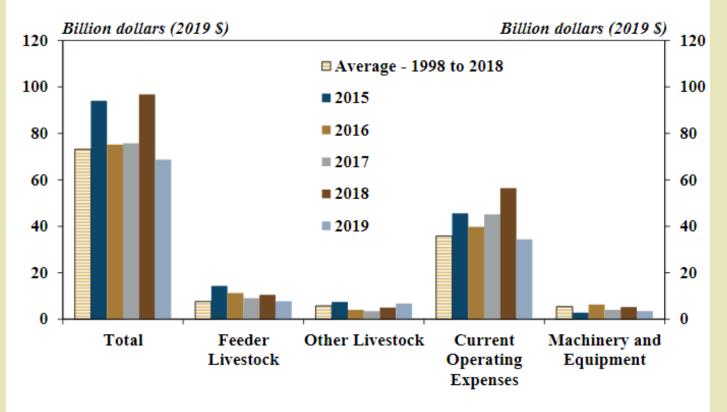
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#### Farm Lending Slows but Remains High

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#### Chart 2: Volume of Non-Real Estate Farm Loans by Purpose, Third Quarter



Source: Agricultural Finance Databook, Table A.3.

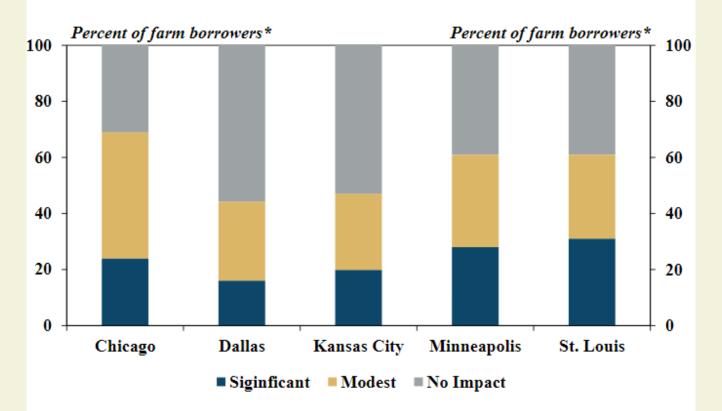
#### Farm Lending Slows but Remains High Cortney Cowley, Economist and Ty Kreitman, Assistant Economist OCTOBER 17, 2019 Chart 3: Average Size and Number of Farm **Operating Loans** Four-Quarter Moving Third Quarter Average Thousand dollars (2019 \$) Million loans Thousand dollars (2019 \$) Million loans 100 3.0 100 3.0 -Average Loan Size (Left) -Average Loan Size (Left) 2.5 2.5Number of Loans (Right) Number of Loans (Right) 80 80 2.0 2.0 60 60 1.5 1.5 40 40 1.0 1.0 20 20 0.5 0.5 0 0.00 0.01983 1989 1995 2001 2007 2013 2019 1977 1982 1987 1992 1998 2003 2008 2013 2019 1977

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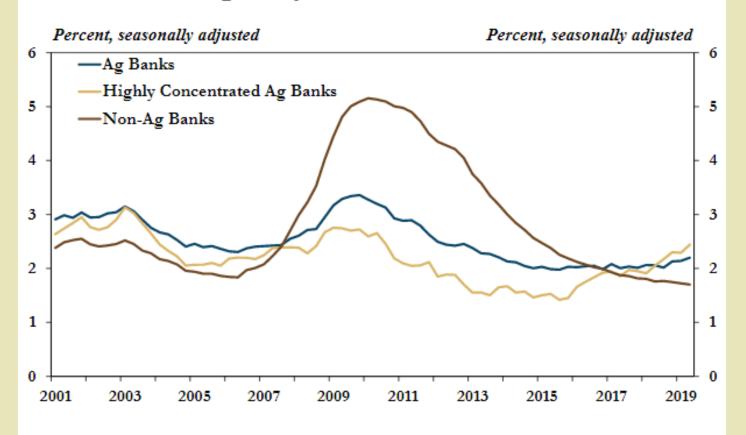
#### **Chart 11: Farm Borrowers Impacted by Extreme Weather or Flooding in the First Half of 2019**



\* Average response of all borrowers in each District.

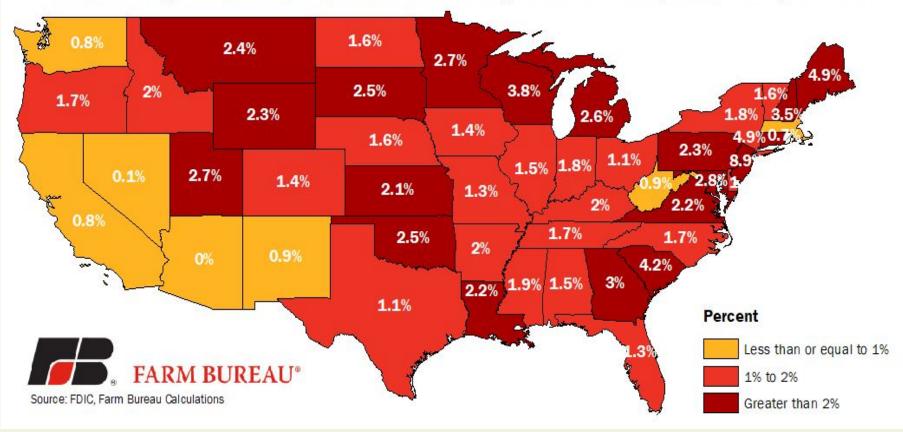
#### Farm Lending Slows but Remains High

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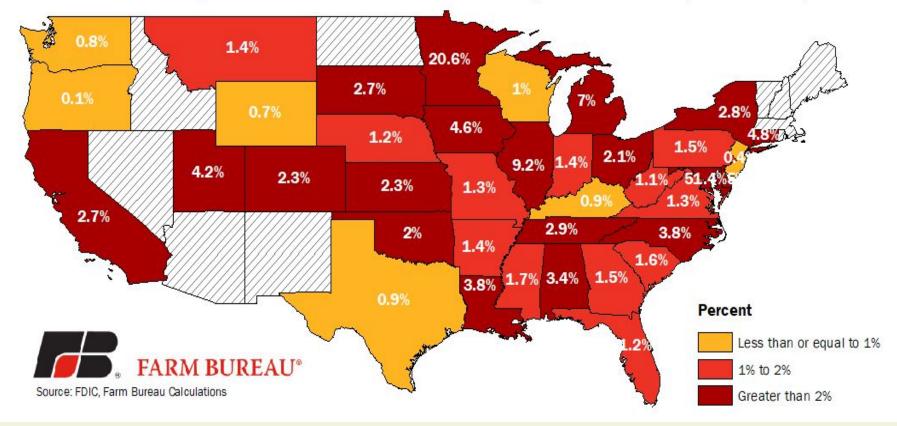
Note: Includes the share of all past due, nonaccruing and net charge-off loans. This chart shows delinquency rates on all loans made at commercial banks. Ag banks are banks where farm production and real estate loans account for 25 percent or more of the bank's loan portfolio. Highly concentrated ag banks are banks where farm loans account for 300 percent or more of the bank's risk-based capital. Sources: Board of Governors and author calculations.

#### Figure 2. Percent of Commercial Agricultural Loans Held By Community Banks More Than 30 Days Past Due, June 30, 2019



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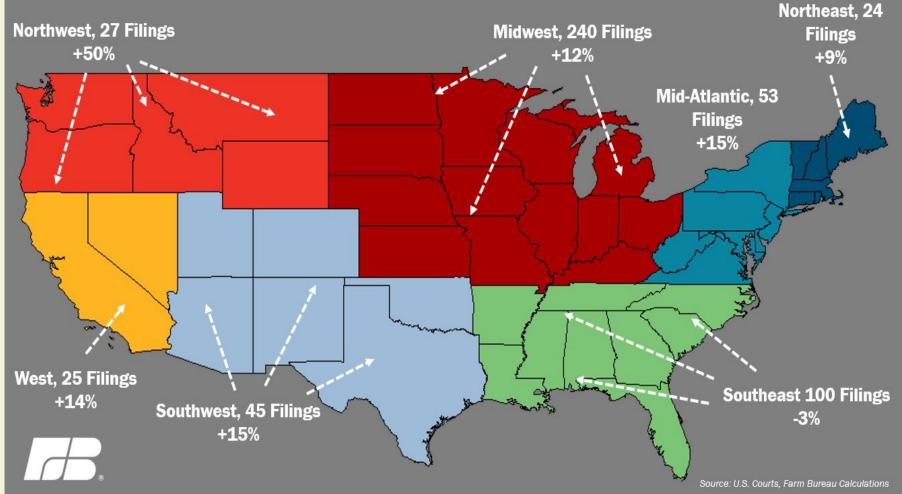
#### Figure 3. Percent of Commercial Agricultural Loans Held By Non-Community Banks More Than 30 Days Past Due, June 30, 2019



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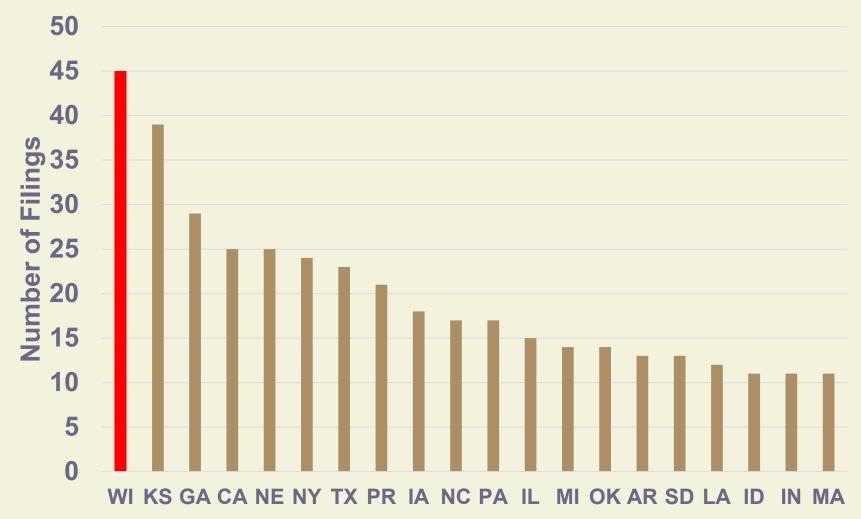
#### Figure 4. Chapter 12 Farm Bankruptcies By Region

July 2018 to June 2019

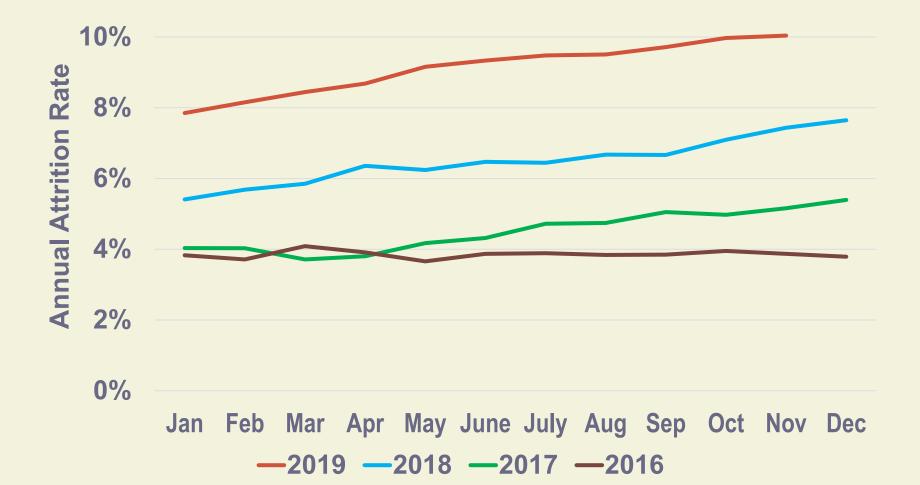


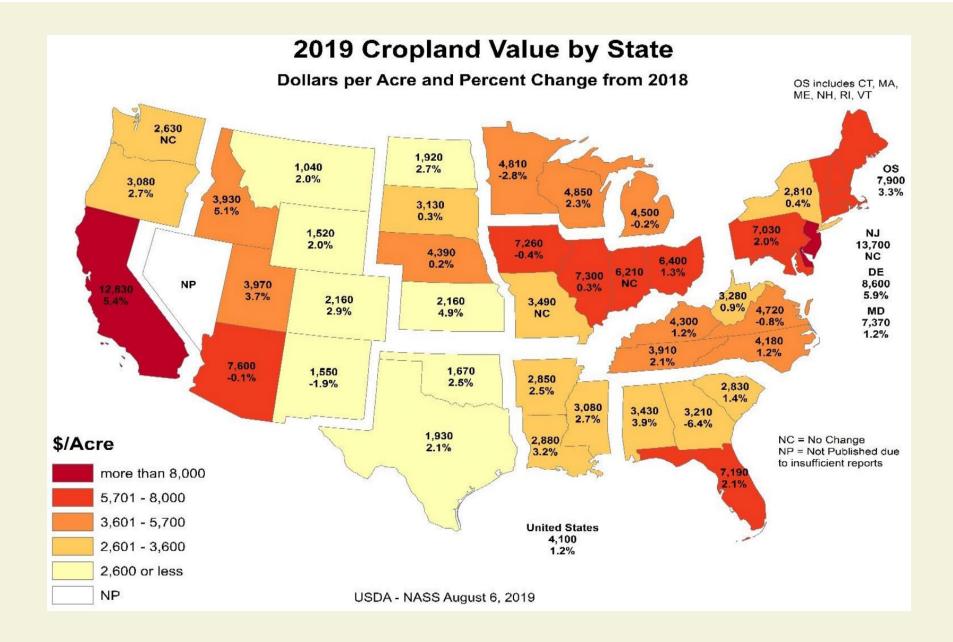
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# WI still leads US states for Chapter 12 farm bankruptcy filings (year ending 6/30/19)



## WI Dairy Farm Annual Attrition Rate





## **Implications for Processing Crops**

- 2019 production issues may carry forward into 2020
  - Soil damage, high water tables, weeds and diseases
- Prices for corn and soybeans projected to remain low
  - USDA 2020 farm prices: Corn \$3.40, Soybean \$8.85
  - CBOT 2020 harvest prices: Corn \$3.91, Soybean \$9.26
  - No pressure from row crops on veg contract prices
- Evidence of weak farm financial situations, but mixed
  - MFP propped up farm income, keeping growers going
  - Some farmers are doing okay, some are struggling
  - Be aware that some of the growers you contract with may be struggling
  - Clear credit policies if you offer credit to growers

## **Questions?** Comments?

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