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Ks Corn Forecast 38% Above Last Year

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - A new government forecast says Kansas farmers are on track to harvest 38 percent more corn than a year ago.

The report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service released Thursday projects the state's corn crop to come in at 525 million bushels. The update comes as corn harvest gets underway across much of Kansas.

Farmers are cutting 4.2 million acres of corn this season, up 6 percent from last year. Yields are also far better at 125 bushels per acre. That is 29 bushels an acre more than a year ago.

The agency also forecasts Kansas will harvest more than twice as much sorghum as last year at 195 million bushels.

Soybean production is up 58 percent from a year ago at a projected 133 million bushels.

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