



The fifth leading crop in 1959 on the basis of value of production was soybeans. The acreage in soybeans harvested for all purposes was equivalent to 7.3 percent of the area from which crops were harvested in 1959. Of the harvested acres of soybeans, 96.7 percent was harvested for beans, approximately 1.5 percent was cut for hay, and 1.8 percent was used for forage

(silage and grazing). The principal areas of production were Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, and the Upper Mississippi River Delta. More than 18.3 million acres, 83.1 percent of the total, were harvested for beans in a concentrated eight-State area. In 1959, more than 96 percent of the crop harvested for beans was sold.

