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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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\*\*Reminder these questions are designed to use with the on-line version of *FarmWeek.*

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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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**Illinois Again Leads Nation in Soybean Production in 2019**

**(this is a special news release from the Illinois Soybean Association www.ilsoy.org)**

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Use the article titled:

**Illinois Again Leads Nation in Soybean Production in 2019 (Special News Release from Illinois Soybean Association www.ilsoy.org)**

1. How many acres of Illinois land were harvested with Soybeans in 2019?
2. How many soybeans were harvested?
3. What was the average yield of soybeans?
4. What state finished second in soybean production in 2019?
5. How many soybeans did they harvest on how many acres?
6. Doug Schroeder, soybean farmer from Mahomet Illinois lists what challenges for 2019 Soybean farmers?
7. Give an example of the soybean industry innovations that David Wessel, soybean farmer from Chandlerville discusses.
8. Although Illinois was #1 in soybean production, the entire USDA 2019 Crop Production Report shows that the total harvest of soybeans across the nation is down 20% from the previous year. What do you think this will do to crop prices?

More info on the entire report at <https://www.farmweeknow.com/bullish-quarterly-grain-stocks-report-tempered-by-yield-bump/article_09510a9a-33dc-11ea-8a61-87c9361ea512.html>

Answer Key

1. 9.860 million harvested acres.
2. 532.440 million bushels
3. 54 bushels per acre
4. Iowa ranked second in production
5. Iowa harvested 501.660 million bushes on 9.120 million acres
6. Schroeder listed the weather and economic challenges of the 2019 growing season.
7. Wessel listed the ILSoyAdvisor platromr that focused on maximizing yield and profitability per acre.
8. Answers will vary. The actual crop report listed more soybeans than were previously predicted. A study in supply and demand, when there are fewer products and demand is increased or constant, price goes up, but if there is more supply (like listed in the report) and demand is steady or goes up, prices tend to go down.