

Biorenewables: Helping or Hurting the Environment?

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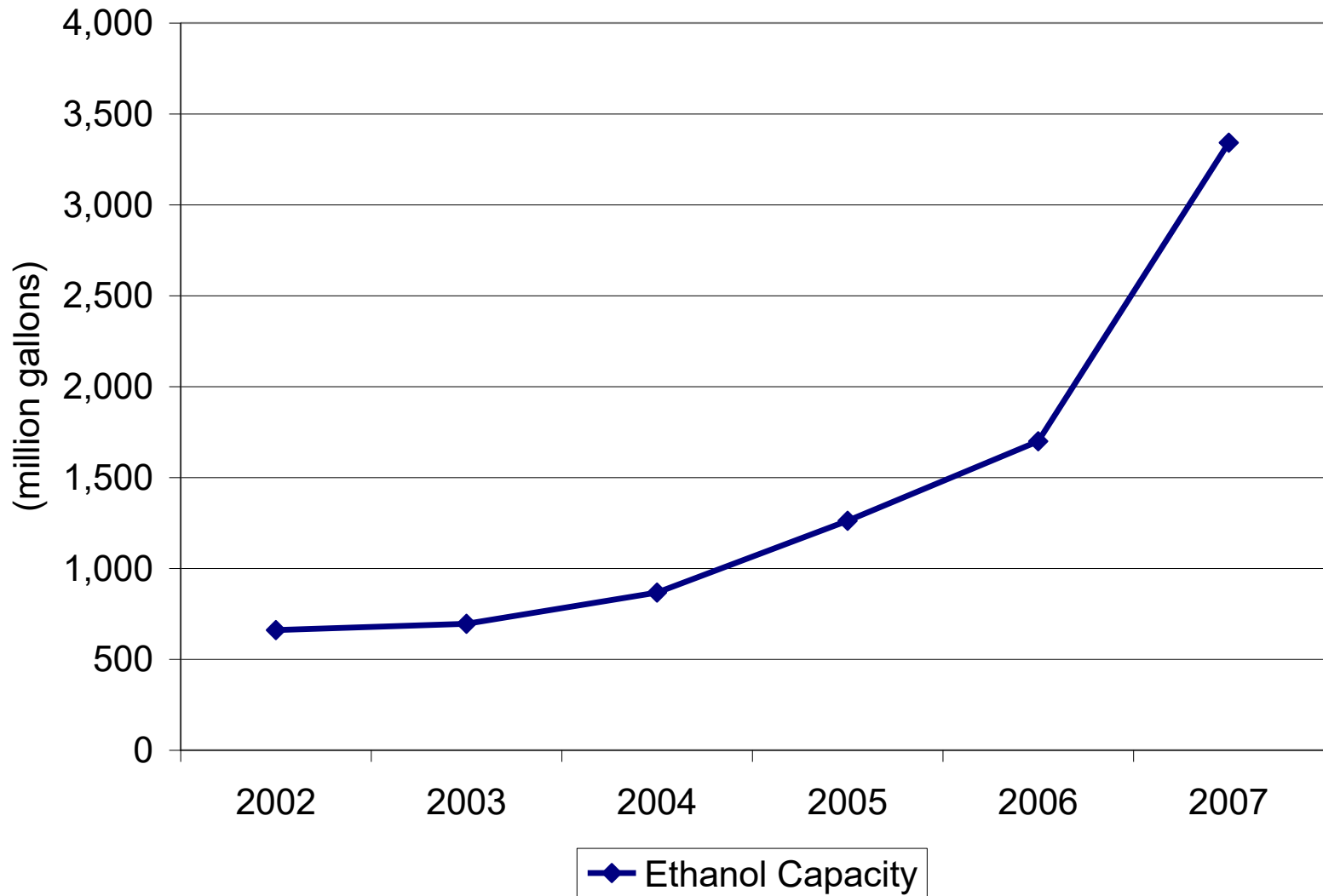
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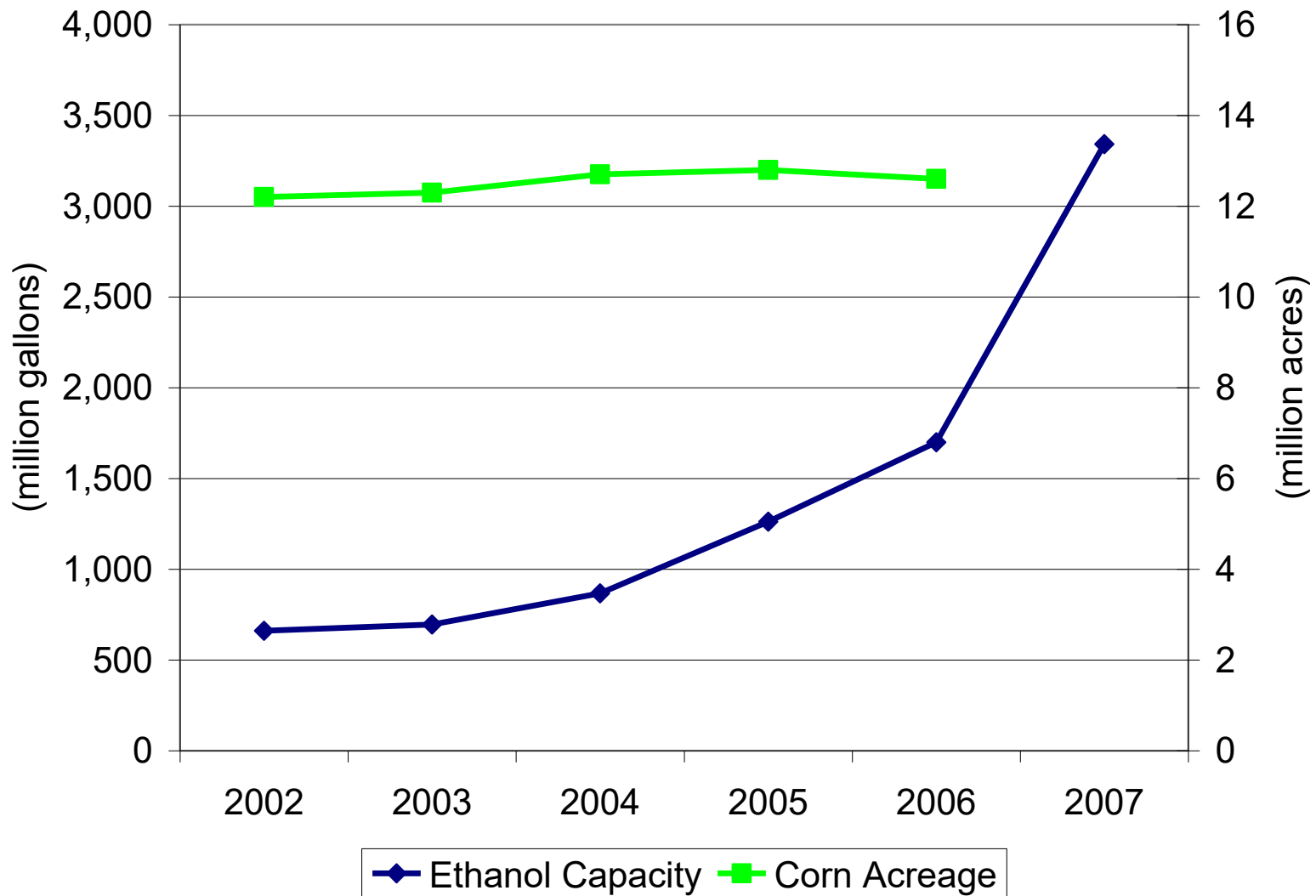
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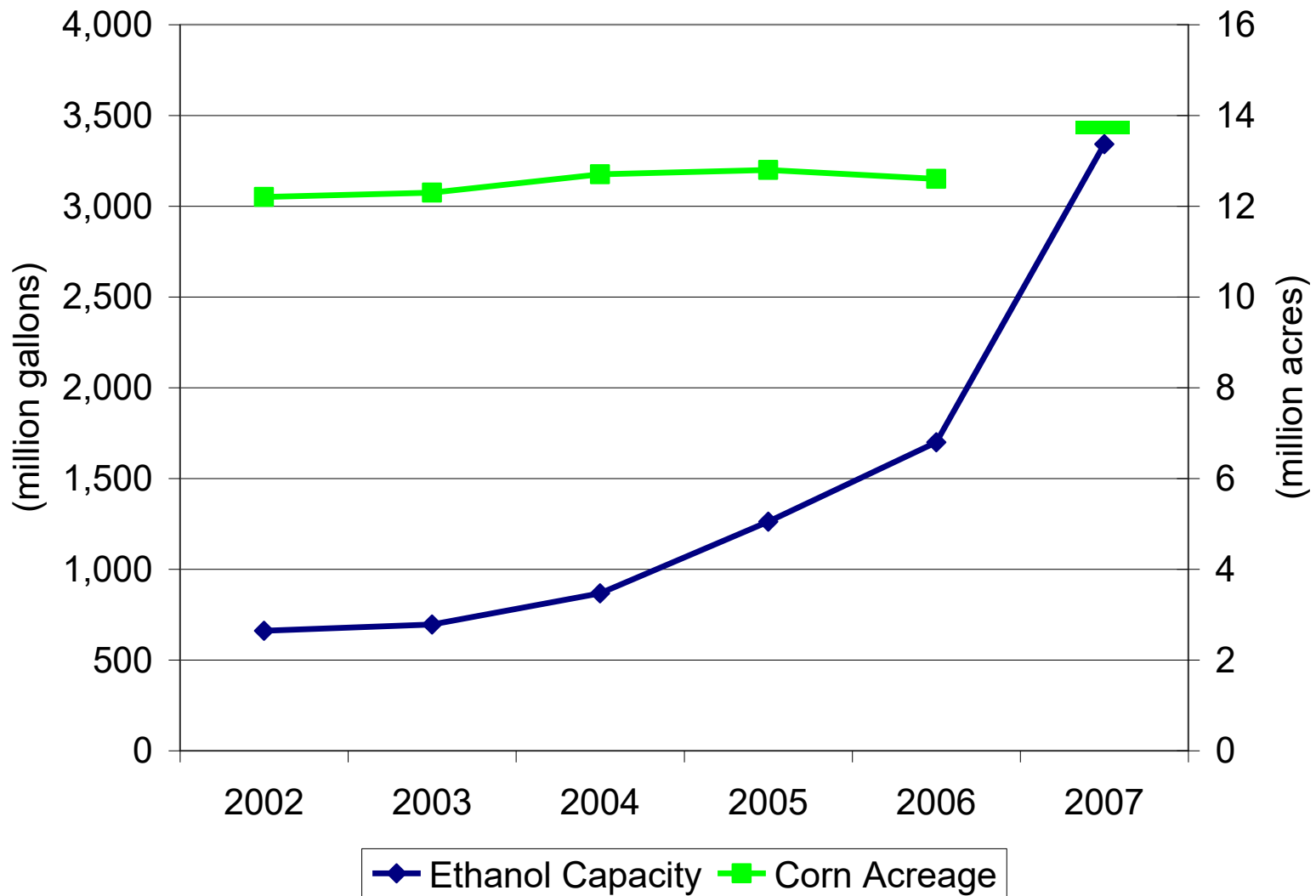
Iowa's Ethanol Boom



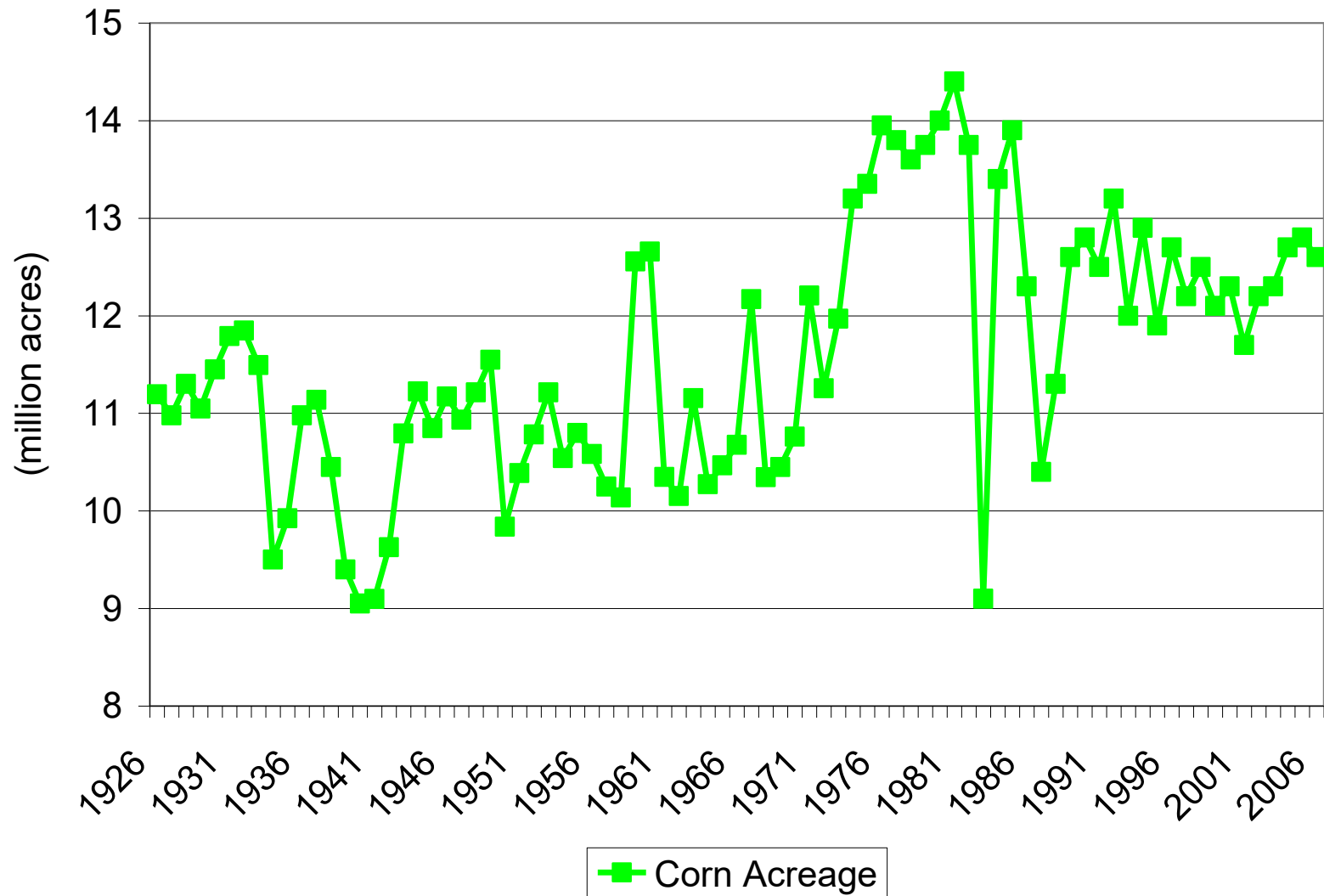
Iowa's Corn Acreage



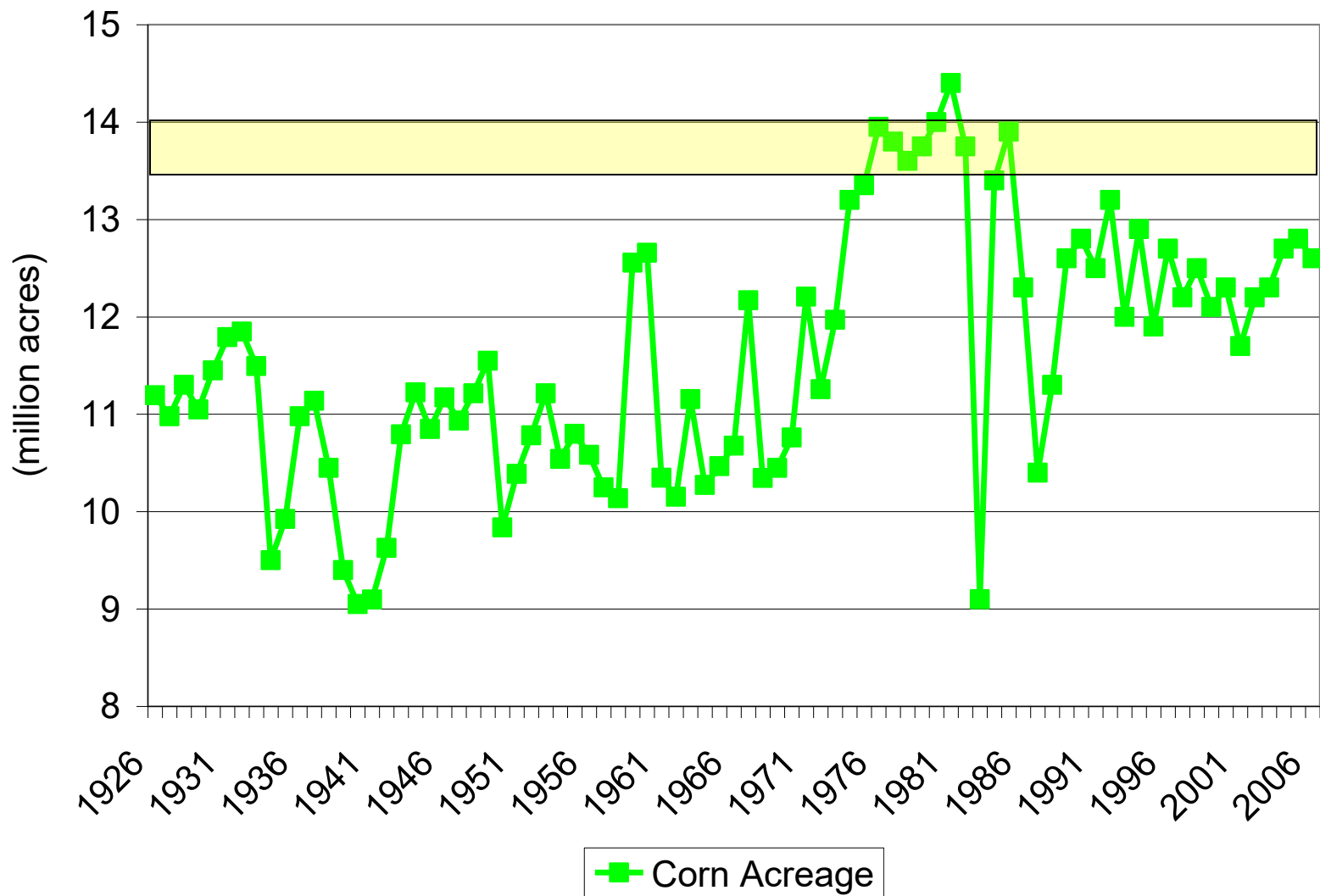
Corn in 2007?



Iowa's Historical Corn Acreage



Compared to History



The 2007 Farm Bill

- Debate is ongoing
- Will likely be voted on this summer (effective for 2008 crops)
- Two key titles:
 - Conservation
 - Energy

Conservation Title

- In the 2002 farm bill, emphasis shifted to working lands
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Conservation Security Program (CSP)
 - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
 - Conservation of Private Grazing Lands (CPGL)

Energy Title

- New title for 2002 farm bill
- Provided additional support for bio-based products
 - Federal procurement of bio-based products
 - Biorefinery grants
 - Biodiesel Fuel Education Program
 - Renewable Energy Development Program