



# HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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## U.S. SUGARCANE

Production is forecast at 36.1 million tons, 5 percent above the August 1 forecast and 1 percent above last year. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 996,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 2003 crop year, up fractionally from last month but 3 percent below last year's final harvested acres. Yield is forecast at 36.2 tons per acre, 1.5 tons above both the August forecast and 2002 estimate.

Excellent moisture conditions in Florida, Louisiana, and Texas supported sugarcane growth. Florida and Louisiana expect higher yields than last year, while in Texas yields are down nearly 1 ton due to the crop being in the final year of its Ratoon cycle. In Hawaii, dry weather continued across the sugarcane growing areas of the State aiding harvest but has had minimal impact on yields.

**SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2002 and forecasted September 1, 2003**

State	Area harvested		Yield <sup>1</sup>			Production <sup>1</sup>	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	461.0	441.0	38.3	36.5	40.0	17,653	17,640
Hawaii	22.7	22.0	95.1	95.0	95.0	2,159	2,090
Louisiana	495.0	490.0	28.3	30.0	30.0	14,009	14,700
Texas	44.5	43.0	38.9	38.0	38.0	1,732	1,634
U.S.	1,023.2	996.0	34.7	34.7	36.2	35,553	36,064

<sup>1</sup> Net tons.

## **U.S. SUGARBEETS**

Production is forecast at 30.7 million tons, slightly above the August forecast and 11 percent above last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.35 million acres. This is marginally higher than the August estimate but 1 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 22.8 tons per acre, 0.1 ton above the August forecast and 2.4 tons above 2002.

Dry weather conditions prevailed over most of the major sugarbeet growing areas; however, subsoil moisture remains mostly adequate. Colorado, Idaho, and Montana growers relied on irrigation water, with supplies more readily available than in 2002, to offset the effects of the hot, dry conditions during August.

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State	Area Harvested		Yield <sup>1</sup>			Production <sup>1</sup>	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
California	49.9	50.0	39.5	38.0	38.0	1,971	1,900
Colorado	39.5	27.5	20.1	22.5	23.5	794	646
Idaho	210.0	207.0	24.3	27.4	27.6	5,103	5,713
Michigan	177.0	175.0	18.1	19.5	19.0	3,204	3,325
Minnesota	476.0	465.0	18.6	21.0	20.8	8,854	9,672
Montana	55.9	52.2	19.6	23.0	25.0	1,096	1,305
Nebraska	42.0	43.8	18.1	20.0	20.7	760	907
North Dakota	258.0	278.0	18.6	21.5	21.5	4,799	5,977
Ohio	1.8	1.8	20.6	25.0	24.0	37	43
Oregon	11.0	9.4	27.4	29.4	29.6	301	278
Washington	4.0	4.4	35.0	40.5	40.0	140	176
Wyoming	36.0	34.0	18.3	21.0	21.5	659	731
U.S.	1,361.1	1,348.1	20.4	22.7	22.8	27,718	30,673

<sup>1</sup>Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except California. In California, relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California.