



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

U.S. sugarcane growers expect to harvest a record 32.8 million tons for sugar and seed in 1998, up more than 5 percent from the November 1 estimate and nearly 4 percent above the previous record established in 1997. Part of the production increase was due to an increase in acres for harvest to 934,500 acres. A higher forecasted yield accounted for the rest of the production increase. Yield was estimated at 35.1 tons per acre, above the November 1 forecast of 33.4 tons per acre and the 1997 yield of 34.7 tons per acre.

Acres harvested for sugar increased in Texas, reflecting lower abandonment than earlier forecasts. However, most of the acres for seed were lost due to flooding from tropical storms. The estimated yield rose due to increases in the forecasted yields in Louisiana and Florida. In Louisiana, a record yield was forecasted due to a combination of factors including expanded use of higher yielding varieties, an extended growing season, and late season rains. The yield in Florida would also be a record, if realized. Flooding and high winds from Tropical Storm Mitch did little damage to the crop, but forced mills to shut down operations for several days.

U.S. SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	1997	Indication 1998	1997	Indication 1998	1996	1997	Indication 1998
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	440.0	448.0	36.9	37.7	14,498	16,236	16,891
Hawaii	34.2	34.0	88.0	82.0	3,639	3,009	2,788
Louisiana	410.0	420.0	28.2	29.0	10,323	11,546	12,180
Texas	29.8	32.5	30.3	30.0	1,002	902	975
U.S.	914.0	934.5	34.7	35.1	29,462	31,693	32,834

¹ Net tons.