

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Winter Wheat Production
2003 Sugarcane and
Sweet Potato Production Revisions

U.S. Wheat Production

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the May 1 forecast and 10 percent below 2003. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.6 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Hard Red production is down 3 percent from a month ago, to 887 million bushels. Soft Red is down less than 1 percent from last month and now totals 397 million bushels. White production totals 247 million bushels, up 2 percent from last month.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield surveys in the six Hard Red Winter States (Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas) are below last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are also below last

year's level in Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. Harvest was in full swing in both Texas and Oklahoma, with progress in Oklahoma running well ahead of the 5-year average. In Kansas and Nebraska, yield prospects have been hampered by continued dry weather, as well as extreme temperatures -- both high and low. Soil moisture levels remain a concern in Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. Montana received significant rainfall during the last half of May, leading to improved crop condition ratings.

Forecasted head counts from the objective yield surveys in the three Soft Red Winter States (Illinois, Missouri and Ohio) are below last year's final counts. Indicated average head weights are also below last year but above average. Much of the Soft Red growing region experienced heavy rainfall near the end of May. This has led to concerns about potential disease pressure, however no significant disease presence has been noted. The Southeast remains dry, and harvest is well underway.

The Pacific Northwest States (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) experienced warm, dry weather in early May and cooler, wet weather during the middle and end of the month. In Idaho, this moisture improved dryland yield expectations, offsetting lower yield expectations for irrigated acreage. Yield prospects in Oregon improved significantly, where most of the major wheat growing area now has above normal annual precipitation levels.

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Selected States	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		Ind		Ind		Ind
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Bushels-----		-----1,000 Bushels-----	
Arkansas	570	630	50.0	51.0	28,500	32,130
Colorado	2,200	1,800	35.0	30.0	77,000	54,000
Kansas	10,000	9,000	48.0	39.0	480,000	351,000
Louisiana	140	1/	41.0	1/	5,740	1/
Mississippi	125	205	49.0	51.0	6,125	10,455
Oklahoma	4,600	4,300	39.0	37.0	179,400	159,100
Texas	3,450	3,600	28.0	33.0	96,600	111,800
United States	36,541	35,082	46.7	43.6	1,707,069	1,530,742

¹ Not available until September 2004.

Sugarcane For Sugar and Seed: Acreage, Yield and Production

State	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹	
	2002	2003 ²	2002	2003 ²	2002	2003 ²
	-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Tons-----		-----1,000 Tons-----	
For Sugar						
Florida	442.0	419.0	38.3	39.3	16,929	16,467
Hawaii	21.3	19.9	99.0	102.0	2,109	2,030
Louisiana	465.0	450.0	28.3	26.2	13,160	11,790
Texas	43.6	43.8	39.1	37.9	1,705	1,660
United States	971.9	932.7	34.9	34.3	33,903	31,947
For Seed						
Florida	19.0	19.0	38.1	40.2	724	764
Hawaii	1.4	1.4	35.5	37.3	50	52
Louisiana	30.0	40.0	28.3	26.2	849	1,048
Texas	0.9	1.3	30.0	35.7	27	46
United States	51.3	61.7	32.2	31.0	1,650	1,910
For Sugar and Seed						
Florida	461.0	438.0	38.3	39.3	17,653	17,231
Hawaii	22.7	21.3	95.1	97.7	2,159	2,082
Louisiana	495.0	490.0	28.3	26.2	14,009	12,838
Texas	44.5	45.1	38.9	37.8	1,732	1,706
United States	1,023.2	994.4	34.7	34.0	35,553	33,857

¹ Yield and production refer to net weight.

² Revised.

	Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed: Price and Value					
	For Sugar				For Sugar and Seed	
	Price Per Ton		Value of Production		Value of Production ¹	
	2002	2003 ²	2002	2003 ²	2002	2003 ²
	-----Dollars-----		-----1,000 Dollars-----			
Florida	31.70	---	536,649	---	559,600	---
Hawaii	30.50	---	64,325	---	65,850	---
Louisiana	23.50	---	309,260	---	329,212	---
Texas	30.30	---	51,662	---	52,480	---
United States	28.40	---	961,896	---	1,007,142	---

¹ Price per ton of cane for sugar used in evaluating value of production for seed.

² Estimates are not available. State estimates will be published in "Crop Values," February 2005.

Louisiana Sugarcane

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in 2003 totaled 12.8 million tons, 8 percent below the 2002 production. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed totaled 490,000 acres, 5,000 acres below 2002. The average yield per acre was 26.2 tons, down 2.1 tons from 2002.

U. S. Sugarcane Production

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2003 is revised to 33.9 million tons, down 2 percent from the March 1 estimate and down 5 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 994,400 acres, fractionally below the previous estimate and 3 percent below 2002. The estimated yield for sugar and seed production is 34.0 tons per acre, 0.6 ton below March and 0.7 ton below the 2002 yield.

Production of sugarcane for sugar is revised to 31.9 million tons, 2 percent below the March 1 estimate and 6 percent below 2002. Area harvested for sugar production totaled 932,700 acres, fractionally less than the previous estimate and 4 percent below 2002. Yield of sugarcane for sugar is 34.3 tons per acres, down from 34.8 tons on March 1 and 0.6 ton below 2002.

Sweet Potatoes

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹
	-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Cwt-----		-----1,000 Cwt-----	
Alabama	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	185	190	481	475
California	10.4	10.7	10.4	10.7	280	300	2,912	3,210
Louisiana	21.0	19.0	15.0	18.0	125	175	1,875	3,150
Mississippi	16.0	14.0	12.3	13.6	160	175	1,968	2,380
New Jersey	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	125	125	150	138
North Carolina	40.0	43.0	37.0	42.0	130	140	4,810	5,880
South Carolina	1.7	1.4	0.8	1.0	85	150	68	150
Texas	2.8	3.4	2.5	3.2	180	140	450	448
Virginia	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	170	120	85	60
United States	96.4	95.8	82.3	92.6	156	172	12,799	15,891

¹ Revised

Louisiana Sweet Potatoes

There were 19,000 acres planted to sweet potatoes in 2003, down 2,000 acres from the previous year. Harvested acres totaled 18,000 acres, while yield per acre averaged 175 cwt. Production was estimated at 3.15 million cwt, 68 percent above the previous year's total.

U. S. Sweet Potato Production

The revised estimate of 2003 crop sweet potato production is 15.9 million cwt, down less than 1 percent from the annual estimate made in January but up 24 percent from 2002. This is the largest production of sweet potatoes in the U.S. since 1962, when 17.1 million cwt were produced. Area harvested, at 92,600 acres, is up 200 acres from January and 13 percent above 2002. The average yield, at 172 cwt per acre, is unchanged from the January estimate but 16 cwt above 2002. This is the largest yield on record, 10 cwt above the previous record of 162 cwt set in 1994 and equaled in 1997.

The sweet potato crop estimate in California, at 3.21 million cwt, is up 3 percent from January based on a 3 percent increase in harvested acres. New Jersey production increased 9 percent as yields were higher than expected. Alabama's production decreased 4 percent due to a decrease in acres. Texas production is down 12 percent from January, and Virginia is down 44 percent, due to lower yields.

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