

### OATS

Maine oat production totaled 2.1 million bushels in 2000, a decrease of three percent from the previous year's production and an increase of 20 percent from 1998 production. Oat yields averaged 70 bushels per acre in 2000, down 10 bushels per acre compared to the 1999 average yield. The value of the 2000 crop was placed at \$1.89 million, 3 percent

below the previous year's value due to lower total grain production. Dry conditions in the spring and fall allowed both the planting and harvesting of oats to be completed ahead of last year and the five-year average. Maine's oat crop was reported in good condition as the harvest season came to a close in mid-October.

#### OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1991 - 2000

STATE & YEAR	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for all purposes	Harvested for grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels <sup>1/</sup>	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>Maine</b>						
1991	31	23	60	1,380	1.01	1,394
1992	27	25	85	2,125	1.05	2,231
1993	33	25	75	1,875	1.05	1,969
1994	25	22	70	1,540	1.02	1,571
1995	29	26	60	1,560	1.34	2,090
1996	31	28	75	2,100	1.57	3,297
1997	26	23	73	1,679	1.20	2,015
1998	25	24	73	1,752	.97	1,699
1999	30	27	80	2,160	.90	1,944
2000	32	30	70	2,100	.90	1,890

<sup>1/</sup> Standard weight used for one bushel of oats is 32 pounds

