

2003 Wisconsin Tobacco Production

Wisconsin farmers harvested an estimated 1,820 acres of tobacco in 2003, an increase of 370 acres compared to 2002. Overall production increased to 4.26 million pounds despite the average yield being down 294 pounds per acre to 2,338.

The average price per pound received by farmers for all tobacco produced in 2003 was \$1.75, no change from the previous year. Value of production for the 2003 crop totaled \$7.43 million. The value of production increased \$751,000 compared to the prior year.

In 2003, Southern tobacco (Type 54) farmers harvested an estimated 1,400 acres with an overall yield of 2,480 pounds per acre. That equates to a production of 3.47 million pounds, which is valued at \$6.08 million. Northern tobacco (Type 55) yielded 1,865 pounds per acre on an estimated 420 acres harvested during 2003. The value of production for Northern tobacco totaled \$1.36 million for the 783,000 pounds produced.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, and Production, Wisconsin, 1999-2003 1/

| Year | All | | | Type 54 | | | Type 55 | | |
|------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Acres harvested | Yield per acre | Production | Acres harvested | Yield per acre | Production | Acres harvested | Yield per acre | Production |
| | Acres | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | Acres | Pounds | 1,000 pounds | Acres | Pounds | 1,000 pounds |
| 1999 | 1,180 | 2,388 | 2,818 | 890 | 2,530 | 2,252 | 290 | 1,952 | 566 |
| 2000 | 940 | 2,399 | 2,255 | 710 | 2,570 | 1,825 | 230 | 1,870 | 430 |
| 2001 | 1,510 | 2,397 | 3,619 | 1,200 | 2,535 | 3,042 | 310 | 1,860 | 577 |
| 2002 | 1,450 | 2,632 | 3,817 | 1,150 | 2,740 | 3,151 | 300 | 2,220 | 666 |
| 2003 | 1,820 | 2,338 | 4,255 | 1,400 | 2,480 | 3,472 | 420 | 1,865 | 783 |

1/Production and yield per acre is based on tobacco sold. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.

TOBACCO: Number of Farms, Market Year Average Price, & Value of Production Wisconsin 2002-2003

| Type | Number of farms 1/ | | Market year average price per pound received by farmers | | Value of production | |
|---------|--------------------|------|---|-------|---------------------|-------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | Number | | Dollars | | 1,000 dollars | |
| Type 54 | 418 | 452 | 1.750 | 1.750 | 5,514 | 6,076 |
| Type 55 | 213 | 234 | 1.750 | 1.730 | 1,166 | 1,355 |
| Total | 631 | 686 | 1.750 | 1.746 | 6,680 | 7,431 |

1/FSA data. Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.