



# Results of California's Mid-Year Surveys

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The USDA, NASS, California Field Office is responsible for preparing crop and livestock estimates for our State. These numbers, in combination with other State numbers developed from their respective field offices, are used to prepare National level USDA crop and livestock estimates. The following Mid-Year Surveys results give our agricultural community its first real look at planted acreage for the 2009 crop year.

Information contained in this report comes from the best possible source - the producers. A special thanks to all the producers who took the time to complete the survey when contacted by one of our interviewers by telephone or personal visit. Your participation assures the accuracy and quality needed for this important report.

Other reports from the Mid-Year Surveys will be forthcoming. These will cover hog numbers, cattle inventories, and land values and rents. For more information, contact our office or visit our web site. The telephone number and web address are shown on the backside of this report.

## FIELD CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

**BARLEY:** California's barley harvested acreage is forecast at 40.0 thousand, 27 percent below last year. Nationally, the area to be harvested, at 3.14 million acres, is 17 percent below the 3.77 million acres harvested the previous year.

**CORN:** As of June 1, the total planted acreage of corn for all purposes is estimated at 550 thousand, down 18 percent from last year. Of these acres, California farmers expected to harvest 125 thousand acres for grain in 2009, down 26 percent from 2008. In the U.S., corn planted acreage is estimated at 87.0 million, 1 percent above last year. Growers expect to harvest 80.1 million acres for grain, 2 percent above 2008.

**COTTON:** California's cotton growers planted 65.0 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 130 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2009. Upland acreage is down 46 percent, and American Pima acreage is down 16 percent from 2008. Upland planted acreage is at its lowest level on record. Nationally, planted Upland cotton acreage is expected to total 8.91 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Growers intend to plant 149 thousand acres of American-Pima cotton, down 14 percent from last year.

**DRY BEANS:** An estimated 60.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2009 season, up 15 percent from last year's total. The U.S. dry edible bean seeded acreage is estimated at 1.46 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.40 million, down 3 percent from a year ago.

**HAY:** On June 1, California growers expected to harvest alfalfa from 975 thousand acres in 2009, up 3 percent from last year's 950 thousand acres. The estimate for all other hay to be harvested is 640 thousand acres, up 12 percent from last year's total. U.S. acreage harvested for alfalfa hay is estimated at 21.0 million and all other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 39.2 million acres. Alfalfa and other hay are slightly above 2008.

**OATS:** Oats were seeded on 240 thousand acres for 2009, up 4 percent from last year's acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 20.0 thousand acres, unchanged from 2008. Nationally, the area harvested for grain, at 1.43 million acres, is 2 percent above 2008.

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## FIELD CROP ACREAGE

Crop	CALIFORNIA				UNITED STATES			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested a/		Area Planted		Area Harvested a/	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
1,000 Acres				1,000 Acres				
Wheat, Winter b/	650.0	580.0	400.0	280.0	46,281.0	43,448.0	39,614.0	34,787.0
Wheat, Durum	170.0	180.0	155.0	155.0	2,731.0	2,555.0	2,584.0	2,453.0
Oats b/	230.0	240.0	20.0	20.0	3,217.0	3,158.0	1,395.0	1,426.0
Barley b/	90.0	70.0	55.0	40.0	4,234.0	3,627.0	3,767.0	3,142.0
Corn for Grain c/	670.0	550.0	170.0	125.0	85,982.0	87,035.0	78,640.0	80,107.0
Rice, All	519.0	562.0	517.0	559.0	2,995.0	3,018.0	2,976.0	3,000.0
Long	9.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	2,365.0	2,246.0	2,350.0	2,232.0
Medium	460.0	515.0	458.0	512.0	579.0	731.0	575.0	727.0
Short d/	50.0	40.0	50.0	40.0	51.0	41.0	51.0	41.0
Cotton, Upland	120.0	65.0	117.0	e/	9,297.0	8,905.0	7,400.0	e/
Cotton, American-Pima	155.0	130.0	151.0	e/	174.0	149.4	168.7	e/
Potatoes, Summer	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.8	47.0	44.0	44.8	42.5
Potatoes, Sweet	14.8	17.4	14.8	17.4	103.2	106.7	97.3	103.3
Sorghum for Grain c/	47.0	f/	9.0	f/	8,284.0	6,960.0	7,271.0	5,968.0
Sugar Beets g/	26.1	25.0	25.4	24.6	1,090.8	1,172.9	1,004.6	1,130.9
Beans, Dry, All h/	52.0	60.0	51.9	60.0	1,495.0	1,458.6	1,445.2	1,396.8
Hay, All	---	---	1,520.0	1,615.0	---	---	60,062.0	60,177.0
Alfalfa	---	---	950.0	975.0	---	---	20,980.0	20,982.0
Other	---	---	570.0	640.0	---	---	39,082.0	39,195.0
Safflower	105.0	80.0	104.0	79.0	202.0	194.0	195.0	187.0
Principal Crops i/	4,287.0	4,160.0	---	---	324,819.0	320,879.0	---	---

a/ Forecast for 2009.

b/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

c/ Planted acres for all purposes.

d/ Includes sweet rice.

e/ Estimate to be released August 12, 2009.

f/ Estimate discontinued in 2009.

g/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California. In California, related to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.

h/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

i/ Crops included in area planted are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, Durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, sugarbeets, canola and proso millet.

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**RICE:** California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 562 thousand acres; long grain rice 7.00 thousand acres, medium grain 515 thousand acres, short grain 40.0 thousand acres. A lack of rain during March allowed growers to get an early start on field preparations. Planting started in the middle of April and was virtually complete by the first week of June. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 3.00 million acres of rice in 2009, 1 percent above last year. Long grain rice will be harvested from 2.23 million acres, medium grain rice from 727 thousand acres, and short grain from 41.0 thousand acres.

**SAFFLOWER:** California safflower growers planted 80.0 thousand acres in 2009. Safflower acreage is down 24 percent from last year's total. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 187 thousand acres, 4 percent below the previous year.

**SUGAR BEETS:** California growers have planted and intend to plant 25.0 thousand acres to sugar beets, down 4 percent from last year's total planted acreage. U.S. growers planted an estimated 1.17 million acres of sugar beets for 2009, 8 percent above the previous year.

**SUMMER POTATOES:** California's summer potatoes planted and harvested acreage is estimated at 3.80 thousand acres. U.S. growers in the summer producing states planted an estimated 44.0 thousand acres, down 6 percent from the previous year.

**SWEET POTATOES:** California's sweet potato planted and harvested acreage is forecast at 17.4 thousand acres. Nationally, area to be harvested, at 103 thousand acres, is 6 percent above the 97.3 thousand acres harvested the previous year.

**WHEAT:** California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 180 thousand acres, 6 percent more than last year. The 155 thousand acres for grain harvest remained unchanged from 2008. California's acreage seeded to Wheat other than Durum totaled 580 thousand acres, down 11 percent from 2008. U.S. Durum planted acreage for 2009 is estimated at 2.56 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. The area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 2.45 million acres, 5 percent below last year's level. U.S. acreage harvested for Wheat other than Durum is estimated at 34.8 million acres, 12 percent below 2008.

**GRAIN STOCKS**

Stocks of wheat in California on June 1, 2009 totaled 175 thousand tons, 142 percent above the 72.2 thousand tons on hand a year earlier. U.S. stocks of all wheat at 20.0 million tons were 118 percent more than the 9.17 million tons on hand June 1, 2008.

Barley stocks in California totaled 3.12 thousand tons on June 1, 2009, 51 percent below a year earlier. U.S. barley stocks, at 2.13 million tons, were 30 percent above the June 1, 2008 total.

Off-farm stocks of corn in California totaled 141 thousand tons on June 1, 2009, 32 percent below a year earlier. U.S. stocks of corn in all positions totaled 119 million tons, 6 percent above June 2008.

**GRAIN STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS**

(Includes stocks under support and government owned grain.)

Grain and Position	June 1, 2008	March 1, 2009 1/	June 1, 2009
	Tons		
<b>ALL WHEAT</b>			
California			
On-Farm	600	12,000	3,000
Off-Farm 2/	<u>71,610</u>	<u>347,370</u>	<u>171,900</u>
Total	72,210	359,370	174,900
U.S. Total	9,174,540	31,210,470	20,011,320
<b>BARLEY</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	6,312	11,784	3,120
U.S. Total	1,637,352	3,098,424	2,125,680
<b>OATS</b>			
California			
Off Farm 2/ 3/	3,312	3,920	---
U.S. Total	1,068,384	1,527,200	1,346,176
<b>CORN</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	208,348	203,644	141,148
U.S. Total	112,784,476	194,804,344	119,435,484
<b>SORGHUM GRAIN</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/ 4/	---	6,272	---
U.S. Total	2,828,532	5,837,860	2,824,192

1/ U.S. revised.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

3/ California on-farm stocks and total stocks are included in United States totals.

4/ California off-farm stocks and total stocks for June 2009 and March 2009 are included in United States totals.