



# Results of California's Mid-Year Surveys

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The USDA, NASS, California Field Office is responsible for preparing field crop 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 estimates. The following Mid-Year Surveys results give our agricultural community its first planted acreage report for the 2012 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.

## FIELD CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

**BARLEY:** California's barley harvested acreage is forecast at 65.0 thousand, down 13 percent from last year. Nationally, the area to be harvested is 3.27 million acres, up 46 percent from the previous year.

**CORN:** As of June 1, the total planted acreage of corn for all purposes in California is estimated at 610 thousand, down 3 percent from last year. Of these acres, California farmers expect to harvest 180 thousand acres for grain in 2012, up 20 percent from 2011. In the U.S., corn planted acreage is estimated at 96.4 million, 5 percent above last year. Growers expect to harvest 88.9 million acres for grain, 6 percent above 2011.

**COTTON:** California's cotton growers planted 150 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 215 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2012. Upland acreage is down 18 percent, and American Pima acreage is down 22 percent from 2011. Nationally, planted Upland cotton acreage is expected to total 12.4 million acres, down 14 percent from last year. Growers intend to plant 235 thousand acres of American-Pima cotton, down 24 percent from last year.

**DRY BEANS:** An estimated 44.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2012 season, down 3 percent from last year's total. The U.S. dry edible bean seeded acreage is estimated at 1.63 million acres, up 35 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 1.57 million, up 36 percent from a year ago.

**HAY:** On June 1, California growers expected to harvest alfalfa from 980 thousand acres in 2012, up 11 percent from last year's 880 thousand acres. The estimate for all other hay to be harvested is 560 thousand acres, up 10 percent from 2011. U.S. acreage harvested for alfalfa hay is estimated at 18.8 million and all other hay harvested acreage is expected to total 38.8 million acres. Alfalfa is 2 percent below and other hay is 7 percent above 2011.

**OATS:** Oats were seeded in California on 230 thousand acres for 2012, up 15 percent from last year's acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 30.0 thousand acres, up 100 percent from last year. Nationally, the area harvested for grain is 1.09 million acres, 16 percent above 2011.

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FIELD CROP ACREAGE								
Crop	CALIFORNIA				UNITED STATES			
	Area Planted		Area Harvested 1/		Area Planted		Area Harvested 1/	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
1,000 Acres				1,000 Acres				
Wheat, Winter 2/	670.0	670.0	420.0	330.0	40,646.0	41,819.0	32,314.0	35,023.0
Wheat, Durum	120.0	140.0	115.0	130.0	1,369.0	2,203.0	1,312.0	2,122.0
Oats 2/	200.0	230.0	15.0	30.0	2,496.0	2,746.0	939.0	1,091.0
Barley 2/	100.0	110.0	75.0	65.0	2,559.0	3,678.0	2,239.0	3,268.0
Corn for Grain 3/	630.0	610.0	150.0	180.0	91,921.0	96,405.0	83,981.0	88,851.0
Rice, All	585.0	560.0	580.0	555.0	2,689.0	2,661.0	2,618.0	2,640.0
Long	7.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	1,794.0	1,940.0	1,740.0	1,925.0
Medium	535.0	510.0	530.0	505.0	851.0	675.0	834.0	669.0
Short 4/	43.0	45.0	43.0	45.0	44.0	46.0	44.0	46.0
Cotton, Upland	182.0	150.0	181.0	5/	14,428.0	12,400.0	9,156.0	5/
Cotton, American-Pima	274.0	215.0	273.0	5/	307.4	235.0	304.9	5/
Potatoes, Summer	6/	6/	6/	6/	48.2	48.1	46.0	47.0
Potatoes, Sweet	18.5	18.0	18.2	18.0	133.6	131.4	129.7	128.5
Sorghum for Grain 3/	7/	7/	7/	7/	5,481.0	6,210.0	3,929.0	5,238.0
Sugar Beets 8/	25.1	25.0	25.1	25.0	1,232.7	1,244.1	1,213.1	1,215.9
Beans, Dry, All 9/	45.5	44.0	45.0	43.5	1,205.9	1,632.7	1,155.9	1,573.6
Hay, All	---	---	1,390.0	1,540.0	---	---	55,633.0	57,669.0
Alfalfa	---	---	880.0	980.0	---	---	19,213.0	18,827.0
Other	---	---	510.0	560.0	---	---	36,420.0	38,842.0
Safflower	57.0	56.0	56.0	55.0	130.7	147.5	127.3	141.5
Sunflowers	44.0	50.0	43.5	49.5	1,543.0	1,804.5	1,457.8	1,735.4
Principal Crops 10/	4,302.0	4,382.0	---	---	315,026.0	325,825.0	---	---

- 1/ Forecast for 2012.
- 2/ Includes area planted in the preceding fall.
- 3/ Planted acres for all purposes.
- 4/ Includes sweet rice.
- 5/ Estimate to be released August 2012 in the Crop Production report.
- 6/ Beginning in 2010, the winter and summer potato estimates are included in the spring potato total for California.
- 7/ Estimate discontinued in 2009.
- 8/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California. In California, it is 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.
- 9/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.
- 10/ 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, sugar beets, canola and proso millet.

**FIELD CROP ACREAGE**

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**RICE:** California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 560 thousand acres, down 4 percent from last year. Long grain rice at 5.00 thousand acres was down 29 percent from 2011. Medium grain rice at 510 thousand acres was down 5 percent. Short grain rice at 45.0 thousand acres was up 5 percent. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 2.64 million acres of rice in 2012, 1 percent above last year. Long grain rice will be harvested from 1.93 million acres, medium grain rice from 669 thousand acres, and short grain from 45.0 thousand acres.

**SAFFLOWER:** California safflower growers planted 56.0 thousand acres in 2012. Safflower acreage is down 2 percent from last year's total. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 141.5 thousand acres, 11 percent above the previous year.

**SUGAR BEETS:** California growers have planted and intend to harvest 25.0 thousand acres of sugar beets, down less than 1 percent from last year. U.S. growers planted an estimated 1.24 million acres of sugar beets for 2012, up 1 percent from last year.

**SUMMER POTATOES:** Beginning in 2010, California's winter and summer potato estimates are included in the spring totals. U.S. growers in the summer producing states planted an estimated 48.1 thousand acres, down less than 1 percent from 2011.

**SUNFLOWERS:** California's planted sunflower acreage is estimated at 50.0 thousand. Growers are expecting to harvest 49.5 thousand acres, up 14 percent from 2011. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 1.74 million acres of sunflowers in 2012, up 19 percent from last year.

**SWEET POTATOES:** California's sweet potato planted and harvested acreage is forecast at 18.0 thousand acres. Planted sweet potato acres were down 3 percent from last year. U.S. growers are expecting to harvest 128.5 thousand acres, down 1 percent from 2011.

**WHEAT:** California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 140 thousand acres, up 17 percent from last year. The 130 thousand acres to be harvested for grain is 13 percent above 2011. California's acreage seeded to wheat other than Durum totaled 670 thousand acres, unchanged from last year. An estimated 330 thousand acres of wheat other than Durum will be harvested for grain, down 21 percent from 2011. U.S. Durum planted acreage for 2012 is estimated at 2.20 million acres, up 61 percent from last year. The area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 2.12 million acres, 62 percent above last year's level. U.S. acreage harvested for Wheat other than Durum is estimated at 35.0 million acres, 8 percent above 2011.

**GRAIN STOCKS**

U.S. stocks of all wheat on June 1, 2012 were 22.3 million tons, 14 percent less than the 25.9 million tons on hand June 1, 2011.

Off-farm barley stocks in California totaled 9.00 thousand tons on June 1, 2012, 96 percent above a year earlier. U.S. barley stocks in all positions on June 1, 2012, at 1.44 million tons, were 33 percent below the June 1, 2011 total.

Off-farm stocks of corn in California totaled 142 thousand tons on June 1, 2012, down 1 percent from a year ago. U.S. stocks of corn in all positions totaled 88.2 million tons, 14 percent below June 2011.

**GRAIN STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS  
(Includes stocks under support and government owned grain.)**

Grain and Position	June 1, 2011	March 1, 2012 1/	June 1, 2012
	<i>Tons</i>		
<b>ALL WHEAT</b>			
California			
On-Farm	5,400	18,000	7,200
Off-Farm 2/	3/	216,780	68,670
Total	3/	234,780	75,870
U.S. Total	25,867,380	35,980,350	22,281,360
<b>BARLEY</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/	4,584	16,920	9,000
U.S. Total	2,144,424	2,249,472	1,441,560
<b>OATS</b>			
California			
Off Farm 2/	2,160	2,464	1,520
U.S. Total	1,082,064	1,196,704	879,984
<b>CORN</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/	143,472	270,040	142,240
U.S. Total	102,755,464	168,653,968	88,159,120
<b>SORGHUM</b>			
<b>GRAIN</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/	2,044	4,620	2,856
U.S. Total	2,240,952	3,025,848	1,638,308

1/ U.S. revised.

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

3/ Withheld Off-Farm and Total Stocks to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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