



# California Field Crop Review

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**FIELD CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION**

Crop	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010 Estimate	Unit	2009	2010 Estimate	Unit	2009	2010 Estimate
	1,000 Acres					Number			1,000	
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>										
Wheat, Winter 1/	615	660	330	360	Tons	2.40	2.40	Tons	792	864
Wheat, Durum	180	115	170	105	Tons	3.00	3.30	Tons	510	347
Oats 1/	250	220	30	25	Tons	1.68	1.52	Tons	50	38
Barley 1/	90	110	55	75	Tons	1.30	1.39	Tons	71	104
Corn, All	550	610	---	---	Tons	---	---	Tons	---	---
For Grain	---	---	160	180	Tons	5.04	5.46	Tons	806	983
For Silage	---	---	385	425	Tons	26.0	26.5	Tons	10,010	11,263
Rice, All	561.0	558.0	556.0	553.0	Cwt.	85.98	80.16	Cwt.	47,804	44,326
Long	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	Cwt.	66.00	52.00	Cwt.	330	312
Medium	505.0	510.0	500.0	505.0	Cwt.	87.40	82.00	Cwt.	43,700	41,410
Short 2/	51.0	42.0	51.0	42.0	Cwt.	74.00	62.00	Cwt.	3,774	2,604
Cotton, All 3/	190.0	306.0	186.0	303.0	Lbs.	1,551	1,388	Bales	601.0	876.0
Upland 3/	71.0	124.0	70.0	123.0	Lbs.	1,646	1,639	Bales	240.0	420.0
American-Pima 3/	119.0	182.0	116.0	180.0	Lbs.	1,494	1,216	Bales	361.0	456.0
Cottonseed 4/	---	---	---	---	Tons	---	---	Tons	275.0	349.0
Sugar Beets 5/	25.3	25.1	25.2	25.1	Tons	43.9	40.0	Tons	1,106	1,004
Beans, Dry, All 6/	71.0	63.5	69.0	63.0	Cwt.	22.83	23.21	Cwt.	1,575	1,462
Hay, All	---	---	1,540	1,470	Tons	5.77	5.60	Tons	8,890	8,236
Alfalfa	---	---	1,000	920	Tons	7.00	6.80	Tons	7,000	6,256
Other	---	---	540	550	Tons	3.50	3.60	Tons	1,890	1,980
Safflower	59.0	56.0	58.0	55.5	Lbs.	2,450	2,250	Lbs.	142,100	124,875
Sunflower	42.0	34.0	41.5	34.0	Lbs.	1,229	1,191	Lbs.	51,000	40,500
<b>UNITED STATES</b>										
Wheat, Winter 1/	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749	Tons	1.33	1.40	Tons	45,738	44,557
Wheat, Durum	2,554	2,570	2,428	2,529	Tons	1.35	1.27	Tons	3,271	3,215
Oats 1/	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,263	Tons	1.08	1.03	Tons	1,489	1,299
Barley 1/	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,465	Tons	1.75	1.76	Tons	5,456	4,326
Corn, All	86,382	88,192	---	---	Tons	---	---	Tons	---	---
For Grain	---	---	79,490	81,446	Tons	4.61	4.28	Tons	366,572	348,512
For Silage	---	---	5,605	5,567	Tons	19.3	19.3	Tons	108,209	107,314
Rice, All	3,135.0	3,636.0	3,103.0	3,615.0	Cwt.	70.85	67.25	Cwt.	219,850	243,104
Long	2,290.0	2,841.0	2,265.0	2,826.0	Cwt.	67.43	64.86	Cwt.	152,725	183,296
Medium	793.0	752.0	786.0	746.0	Cwt.	80.52	76.60	Cwt.	63,291	57,144
Short 2/	52.0	43.0	52.0	43.0	Cwt.	73.73	61.95	Cwt.	3,834	2,664
Cotton, All 3/	9,149.5	10,973.2	7,528.7	10,706.7	Lbs.	777	821	Bales	12,187.5	18,314.5
Upland 3/	9,008.1	10,769.0	7,390.5	10,505.0	Lbs.	766	814	Bales	11,787.6	17,817.0
American-Pima 3/	141.4	204.2	138.2	201.7	Lbs.	1,389	1,184	Bales	399.9	497.5
Cottonseed 4/	---	---	---	---	Tons	---	---	Tons	4,148.8	6,191.0
Sugar Beets 5/	1,185.8	1,171.4	1,148.5	1,155.7	Tons	25.9	27.6	Tons	29,783	31,945
Beans, Dry, All 6/	1,540.0	1,911.4	1,464.0	1,842.7	Cwt.	17.37	17.26	Cwt.	25,427	31,801
Hay, All	---	---	59,775	59,862	Tons	2.47	2.43	Tons	147,700	145,556
Alfalfa	---	---	21,247	19,956	Tons	3.35	3.40	Tons	71,072	67,903
Other	---	---	38,528	39,906	Tons	1.99	1.95	Tons	76,628	77,653
Safflower	175.0	175.0	165.5	167.7	Lbs.	1,462	1,320	Lbs.	241,970	221,335
Sunflower	2,030.0	1,951.5	1,953.5	1,873.8	Lbs.	1,554	1,460	Lbs.	3,036,460	2,735,570

1/ Includes acreage planted during the preceding fall.  
 2/ Sweet rice acreage, yield, and production are included with short grain.  
 3/ Cotton yield is in pounds; production is in 480 pound net-weight bales. For 2010, production is ginned and to be ginned.  
 4/ Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.  
 5/ 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.  
 6/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Yield and production are on a clean basis.

## CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES COTTON

California's 2010 **Upland** cotton production is estimated at 420 thousand 480-pound bales as of January 1, an increase of 75 percent from last year. This is based on 123 thousand acres for harvest. The yield calculates to 1,639 pounds per acre. In California, harvest got underway in October.

California's 2010 **American Pima** cotton production is estimated at 456 thousand 480-pound bales, 26 percent above last year's crop. The yield of 1,216 pounds is 19 percent below 2009.

**U.S. Upland** cotton production is estimated at 17.8 million 480-pound bales, up slightly from the December 1 forecast and up 51 percent from last year. The U.S. yield for Upland cotton is estimated at 814 pounds per acre, up 7 pounds from last month and up 48 pounds from 2009. Harvested area, at 10.5 million acres, is down 1 percent from last month, but up 42 percent from last year. Upland planted area, estimated at 10.8 million acres, is up 20 percent from last year.

U.S. **American-Pima** producers planted 204,200 acres, up 44 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 201,700 acres, is up 46 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 497,500 bales (480-pound), down slightly from the August 1 forecast, but up 24 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is estimated at 1,184 pounds per acre, up 30 pounds from the August 1 forecast, but down 205 pounds from last year.

### HAY STOCKS

Stocks of all hay on California farms totaled 1.85 million tons as of December 1, 2010. This was 23 percent below the 2.40 million tons on hand a year earlier.

As of December 1, 2010, United States hay stocks on farms totaled 102 million tons, down 5 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from May-December 2010 totaled 64.4 million tons, compared with 62.5 million tons for the same period a year ago.

### HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	May 1		December 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Tons			
California	470	432	2,400	1,850
Arizona	50	60	500	365
Nevada	170	310	1,012	819
Oregon	270	420	2,200	2,100
Utah	285	245	1,330	1,050
United States	22,065	20,931	107,222	102,134

## WINTER AND DURUM WHEAT SEEDING

California farmers are expected to seed 730 thousand acres to winter wheat for the 2011 crop, 11 percent above the 2010 crop.

The U.S. Winter wheat seeded area for 2011 is estimated at 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010, but 5 percent below 2009. Seeding began last August, and during September was slightly behind the 5-year average. During October, seeding progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 47 percent good to excellent compared with 63 percent the previous year.

Durum wheat seedings in Arizona and California for 2011 harvest are estimated at 235,000 acres, up 21 percent from the 2010, but 23 percent below 2009. Planted acreage is unchanged from last year in Arizona, but up 40,000 in California. Planting is ongoing in California's San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys. No major problems with the crop have been reported.

### WINTER AND DURUM WHEAT SEEDING

Area	2009	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> <u>2010</u>
	1,000 Acres			Percent
<b>WINTER WHEAT</b>				
California	615	660	730	111
United States	43,346	37,335	40,990	110
<b>DURUM WHEAT</b>				
California	180	115	155	135
Arizona	125	80	80	100
United States	2,554	2,570	1/	1/

1/ To be published in "Prospective Plantings" on March 31, 2011.

## CALIFORNIA RICE CROP DOWN 7 PERCENT

California farmers produced 44.3 million cwt. of rice in 2010. This was 7 percent below the 47.8 million cwt. produced in 2009. The 2010 crop included 312 thousand cwt. of long grain rice, 5 percent below the 330 thousand cwt. produced in 2009. Medium grain production totaled 41.4 million cwt., 5 percent below the 2009 crop. Short grain production was 2.6 million cwt., 31 percent below the previous year. The overall yield of 8,020 pounds per acre was 580 pounds below 2009.

Planting and harvest trailed well behind normal in California, where cool temperatures and wet conditions throughout much of the season limited crop growth and delayed field work. Favorable weather conditions in September allowed harvest to begin, but wet field conditions at the end of the harvest season affected the harvest progress and yields of late maturing varieties.

United States rice production in 2010 is estimated at a record high 243 million cwt., up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 11 percent from 2009. Planted area is estimated at 3.64 million acres, up 16 percent from 2009. Area harvested, at 3.62 million acres, is down slightly from the previous forecast, but up 17 percent from the previous crop year. The average yield for all U.S. rice is estimated at 6,725 pounds per acre, up 56 pounds from the previous forecast, but down 360 pounds from the 2009 yield.

## CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 1 ROUGH RICE STOCKS

On December 1, California rough rice stocks in all positions totaled 38.9 million cwt., 6 percent below last year. Off-farms stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit, totaled 36.0 million cwt. of the total rough rice stored. Stocks being stored on farms accounted for 2.8 million cwt.

### CALIFORNIA ROUGH RICE STOCKS

Month	Season		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	1,000 Cwt.		
December 1	35,848	41,402	38,863
March 1	22,940	28,755	---
June 1	11,810	15,098	---
August 1	5,987	7,920	---
October 1	1,832	4,251	---

### ROUGH AND MILLED RICE STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

Type of Rice	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	December 1		December 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
1,000 Cwt.				
<b>ROUGH RICE</b>				
Long Grain	1/	1/	103,430	122,921
Medium Grain	37,029	35,403	49,264	46,853
Short Grain	1/	1/	3,912	3,112
<b>TOTAL ROUGH RICE</b>	<b>41,402</b>	<b>38,863</b>	<b>156,606</b>	<b>172,886</b>
<b>MILLED RICE</b>				
<b>Whole Kernels (Head Rice)</b>				
Long Grain	1/	1/	2,022	2,665
Medium Grain	1,247	1,533	1,496	1,743
Short Grain	1/	1/	73	97
Total	1,323	1,631	3,591	4,505
<b>Broken Kernels</b>				
Second Heads	1,080	1/	1,374	888
Screenings	2/	2/	52	110
Brewers	515	1/	662	799
Total	1,595	736	2,088	1,797
<b>TOTAL MILLED RICE</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>6,302</b>

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Screenings included with second heads.

## GRAIN STOCKS

Stocks of wheat in California on December 1, 2010 totaled 665 thousand tons, 27 percent above the 524 thousand tons on hand a year earlier. U.S. stocks of all wheat totaled 57.8 million tons, 8 percent above a year ago.

Off-farm barley stocks in California on December 1, 2010 totaled 23.3 thousand tons, 11 percent below a year earlier. U.S. barley stocks, at 4.35 million tons, were 12 percent below the December 1, 2009 total.

Off-farm stocks of corn in California totaled 311 thousand tons on December 1, 2010, 21 percent above a year earlier. U.S. stocks of corn in all positions totaled 281 million tons.

GRAIN STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS (Includes stocks under support and government owned grain.)			
Grain and Position	Dec. 1,	Sept. 1, 2010	Dec. 1,
	2009	1/	2010
Tons			
<b>ALL WHEAT</b>			
California			
On-Farm	39,000	60,000	36,000
Off-Farm 2/	485,070	893,790	629,010
Total	524,070	953,790	665,010
U.S. Total	53,450,730	73,488,510	57,832,650
<b>BARLEY</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	26,136	22,512	23,328
U.S. Total	4,953,336	5,373,312	4,346,880
<b>OATS</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	3,056	5,568	4,288
U.S. Total	1,770,064	1,871,552	1,617,216
<b>CORN</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	256,564	84,588	311,276
U.S. Total	305,268,880	47,818,036	281,116,556
<b>SORGHUM GRAIN</b>			
California			
Off-Farm 2/ 3/	2,240	1,064	3,612
U.S. Total	7,021,252	1,154,720	6,594,644

1/ Revised wheat, oats and barley.

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

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

### CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES - DECEMBER 2010

Prices received by California farmers at mid-December were above November for dry edible beans, all potatoes, fall potatoes, all hay, alfalfa hay, and other hay. Mid-December prices for wheat and upland cotton and cottonseed were not published due to possible disclosure of individual operations. There was insufficient data to establish a mid-December price for barley and spring potatoes. Prices were above a year earlier for dry edible beans, all potatoes, fall potatoes, all hay, alfalfa hay, and other hay.

### U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.1 percent), but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle, and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (19 percent) from December 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, is unchanged from last month, but increased 19 points (14 percent) from December 2009.

The December All Crops Index is 179, up 1.1 percent from November and 19 percent above December 2009. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, food grains, and cotton more than offset the index decreases for fruits & nuts and commercial vegetables.

The December Food Grains Index, at 229, is 16 percent above the previous month and 33 percent above a year ago. The December all wheat price, at \$235.00 per ton, is up \$30.67 from November and \$72.67 above December 2009.

The December Feed Grains & Hay Index is 207, up 6.7 percent from last month and 34 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$176.43 per ton, is up \$13.93 from last month and \$47.86 above December 2009. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is up \$1.00 from November and up \$7.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$9.17 per cwt., is 73 cents above November and \$3.46 above December last year.

The December Cotton Index, at 141, is up 5.2 percent from November and 34 percent above last year. The December price, at 85.3 cents per pound, is up 4.1 cents from the previous month and 21.9 cents above last December.

The December Potatoes & Dry Beans Index, at 143, is up 2.9 percent from last month and 5.9 percent above December 2009. The all potato price, at \$8.52 per cwt., is up 46 cents from November and \$1.05 from last December. The all dry bean price, at \$25.00 per cwt., is down \$1.90 from the previous month and \$6.20 below December 2009.

### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		December 2009	November 2010	Dec 15, 2010	December 2009	November 2010	Dec 15, 2010
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	128.57	162.50	176.43
Wheat 2/	Tons	177.67	210.00	3/	162.33	204.33	235.00
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	138.75	188.75	171.25
Barley 2/	Tons	4/	4/	4/	189.17	159.17	165.83
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	5.71	8.44	9.17
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	14.40	11.80	12.90
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	56.80	53.50	57.00	31.20	26.90	25.00
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt.	6.70	8.45	8.55	7.47	8.06	8.52
Winter	Cwt.	4/	---	---	---	---	---
Spring	Cwt.	4/	4/	4/	---	---	---
Summer	Cwt.	4/	---	---	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	6.70	8.45	8.55	---	---	---
All Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	99.00	124.00	134.00	105.00	111.00	112.00
Alfalfa Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	104.00	130.00	140.00	109.00	117.00	121.00
Other Hay, Baled 2/	Tons	76.00	99.00	109.00	96.20	95.50	94.60
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	3/	3/	3/	0.634	0.812	0.853
Cottonseed	Tons	279.00	274.00	3/	160.00	163.00	163.00

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

4/ Insufficient data to establish a price.

5/ Monthly average.

### INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010
Prices Received						
All Farm Products	860	1,010	1,018	135	159	160
All Crops	743	876	889	150	177	179
Food Grains	544	627	725	172	198	229
Feed Grains and Hay	552	692	738	155	194	207
Cotton	537	687	722	105	134	141
Potatoes and Dry Edible Beans	682	704	727	135	139	143
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities, Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/	2,370	2,506	1,544	178	188	191
Parity Ratio 2/	36	40	40	76	85	84

1/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

2/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

### FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND JANUARY 1 STOCKS

California's fall potato stocks were estimated at 1.40 million cwt., as of January 1, 2011, 12.5 percent below last year. The amount in storage on January 1 represents 61 percent of the production, compared to 40 percent a year ago.

The 13 major potato States held 205 million cwt. of potatoes in storage January 1, 2011, down 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 58 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below January 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.00 million cwt. on January 1, 2011, down 14 percent from a year ago.

Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 147 million cwt., was 2 percent below January 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 14.7 million cwt., was down 11 percent from the same date in 2010.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 77.2 million cwt. of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 10.6 million cwt. of the total processing, down 24 percent from last year.

### FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND JANUARY 1 STOCKS 1/

State	Crop of 2009			Crop of 2010			
	Production	Total Stocks Jan. 1, 2010	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Dec. 1, 2010	Total Stocks Jan. 1, 2011	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.			
California	3,960	1,600	40	2,280	1,900	1,400	61
Colorado	22,080	13,900	63	21,528	15,500	13,300	62
Idaho	132,500	88,500	67	114,440	82,500	73,500	64
Maine	15,263	10,800	71	15,892	12,200	10,800	68
Michigan	15,660	7,100	45	15,660	9,300	7,600	49
Minnesota	20,700	11,600	56	17,010	11,000	9,600	56
Montana	3,298	3,200	97	3,673	3,600	3,500	95
Nebraska	8,756	4,900	56	7,719	4,900	4,100	53
New York	4,950	1,800	36	5,120	2,300	1,500	29
North Dakota	19,125	10,800	56	22,000	14,000	12,000	55
Oregon	21,460	15,000	70	20,058	16,400	14,500	72
Washington	87,230	47,500	54	81,740	45,300	39,300	48
Wisconsin	28,980	17,600	61	24,293	15,800	13,400	55
13-State Total	383,962	234,300	61	351,413	234,700	204,500	58
Klamath Basin 2/	---	3,500	---	---	4,000	3,000	---

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop.

2/ December 1, 2010 stocks revised.

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**SWEET POTATO PRODUCTION**

California sweet potato production for 2010 is estimated at 6.39 million cwt., an increase of 8 percent above last year's crop. Harvested acres are estimated at 18.0 thousand acres, 3 percent above 2009. The yield of 355 cwt. per acre is 4 percent above the previous record high yield set last year.

Nationally, production of sweet potatoes in 2010 is estimated at 23.8 million cwt., up 22 percent from last year. Growers harvested 117,000 acres, up 21 percent from last year. Yield per acre, at 204 cwt., is up 3 cwt. from last year and is a new record high. Increases in sweet potato plantings have been driven by growing demand due to its healthy properties and processing usage.

**SWEET POTATO PRODUCTION**

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
Alabama	2.6	3.3	2.3	3.2	170	150	391	480
Arkansas	3.0	3.1	2.5	3.0	185.0	160	463	480
California	17.4	18.0	17.4	18.0	340	355	5,916	6,390
Florida	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.4	110.0	130	352	442
Louisiana	14.0	13.5	12.0	13.0	135	190	1,620	2,470
Mississippi	20.0	21.0	11.0	20.0	115	180	1,265	3,600
New Jersey	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	110	110	132	143
North Carolina	47.0	55.0	46.0	54.0	200	180	9,200	9,720
Texas	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.0	100	120	130	120
United States	109.9	119.8	96.9	116.9	201	204	19,469	23,845

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