



Pacific Region Field Crop Review

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FIELD CROP ACREAGE

SUGARCANE: Production of Hawaii sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2015 is forecast at 1.466 million tons, up 12 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 18,700 acres for sugar and seed during the 2015 crop year, up 500 acres from last year. Expected yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 78.4 tons per acre, up 6.60 tons from last year.

HAY: Production of alfalfa hay in Nevada is forecast at 1.128 million tons, down 4 percent from 2014.

Production of alfalfa hay in California is forecast at 4.51 million tons, down 21 percent from 2014. Other hay production is forecast at 1.36 million tons, down 20 percent from the 2014 crop.

U. S. production of alfalfa hay for 2015 is forecast at 62.1 million tons, up 1 percent from last year's crop. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.39 tons per acre, up 0.06 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.3 million acres, unchanged from June but down slightly from 2014.

COTTON: Upland cotton production in California is forecast at 160.0 thousand, 480-pound bales, and a decrease of 26 percent from 2014. Harvested acreage is estimated at 46 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,670 pounds per acre. American Pima cotton production is forecast at 356 thousand bales, down 29 percent from last year. Harvested acreages is estimated at 114 thousand acres, resulting in a yield of 1,499 pounds per acre.

U. S. upland cotton harvested area is expected to total 8.012 million acres, down 13 percent from last year. Pima cotton expected harvested area, at 154,300 acres, is down 19 percent from the previous year.

RICE: California's 2015 rice crop forecast at 34.113 million cwt., is down 8 percent from the previous year. The yield forecast is 8,300 pounds per acre, down 1 percent from last month and down 3 percent from last year. Planted and harvested acreages are forecast at 416 thousand and 411 thousand acres, respectively. As of September 1, nearly all of the rice acres had headed.

The 2015 **U. S.** rice production is forecast at 189.5 million cwt, down 8 percent from August and down 14 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 2.61 million acres, down 5 percent from August and down 12 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average United States yield is forecast at 7,374 pounds per acre, down 98 pounds from August and down 198 pounds from last year.

SUGARBEETS: California sugar beet production is forecast at 1.1 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from last season. With harvested acreage forecast at 25.0 thousand acres, the yield is 44.2 tons per acre.

The **U.S.** sugar beet production for the 2015 crop year is forecast at 34.6 million tons, up 10 percent from the last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, unchanged from previous forecast, but down slightly from 2014. Expected yield is forecast at 30.2 tons per acre, an increase of 2.8 tons from last year.

CORN: California 2015 corn for grain production forecast is 337 thousand tons, down 23 percent from 2014. The harvested acreage is expected to total 65 thousand acres, 32 percent below a year earlier. The forecast yields, at 5.18 tons per acre, are 12 percent up from a year earlier.

Nationally, corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from August forecast. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the August forecast and down 3.5 bushels from 2014. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain for forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 4 percent from 2014.

FIELD CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2014	2015 Forecast	Unit	2014	2015 Forecast	Unit	2014	2015 Forecast
	1,000 acres						1,000	
HAWAII								
Coffee	8.2	7.8	Cwt.	10.2	9.6	Cwt.	84	78
Sugar Cane	18.2	18.7	Tons	71.8	78.4	Tons	1,306	1,466
NEVADA								
Wheat, Winter	9	8	Tons	3.30	1/	Tons	29.7	1/
Wheat, Other Spring	3	2	Tons	2.25	1/	Tons	6.75	1/
Hay, Alfalfa	280	240	Tons	4.20	470	Tons	1,176	1,128
CALIFORNIA								
Wheat, Winter	180	190	Tons	2.40	1.95	Tons	432	371
Wheat, Durum	25	65	Tons	3.15	2.91	Tons	79	189
Oats	10	10	Tons	1.60	1.44	Tons	16.0	14.4
Barley	25	25	Tons	1.75	1.68	Tons	44	42.0
Corn for Grain	95	65	Tons	4.62	5.18	Tons	439	337
Rice, All	431	411	Lbs.	8580	8300	Cwt.	36,993	34,113
Long	4	6	Lbs.	7,300	2/	Cwt.	292	2/
Medium	392	370	Lbs.	8,800	2/	Cwt.	34,496	2/
Short 3/	35	35	Lbs.	6,300	2/	Cwt.	2,205	2/
Cotton, Upland 4/	56.0	46.0	Lbs.	1,834	1,670	Bales	214.0	160.0
Cotton, American-Pima 4/	154.0	114.0	Lbs.	1,558	1,499	Bales	500.0	356.0
Sweet Potatoes	19.0	18.0	Cwt.	275	2/	Cwt.	5,225	2/
Sugar Beets 5/	22.6	25.0	Tons	44.4	44.2	Tons	1,003	1,105
Beans, Dry, All 6/	47.5	42.5	Lbs.	2,190	2,300	Cwt.	1,040	978
Hay, Alfalfa	875	820	Tons	6.50	5.50	Tons	5,688	4,510
Other	500	455	Tons	3.40	3.00	Tons	1,700	1,365
Safflower	52.5	59.0	Lbs.	2,000	2/	Lbs.	105,000	2/
Sunflowers	47.0	37.0	Lbs.	1,303	2/	Lbs.	61,250	2/
UNITED STATES								
Wheat, Winter	32,304	33,329	Tons	1.28	1.29	Tons	41,326	43,148
Wheat, Durum	1,337	1,908	Tons	1.19	1.21	Tons	1,593	2,303
Wheat, Other Spring	12,740	13,217	Tons	1.40	1.41	Tons	17,851	18,629
Oats	1,029	1,220	Tons	1.08	1.12	Tons	1,115	1,367
Barley	2,443	2,919	Tons	1.74	1.72	Tons	4,243	5,033
Corn for Grain	83,136	81,101	Tons	4.79	4.69	Tons	398,035	380,378
Rice, All	2,919	2,570	Lbs.	7,572	7,374	Cwt.	221,035	189,512
Long	2,192	1,846	Lbs.	7,408	7,123	Cwt.	162,379	131,491
Medium	691	688	Lbs.	8,161	8,088	Cwt.	56,391	55,642
Short 3/	36	36	Lbs.	6,292	6,608	Cwt.	2,265	2,379
Cotton, Upland	9,157.0	8,012.0	Lbs.	826	777	Bales	15,753.0	12,977.0
Cotton, American-Pima	189.8	154.3	Lbs.	1,432	1,403	Bales	566.4	451.0
Sweet Potatoes	135.2	136.3	Cwt.	219	2/	Cwt.	29,584	2/
Sugar Beets 5/	1,146.7	1,144.0	Tons	27.4	30.2	Tons	31,365	34,573
Coffee	8.2	7.8	Cwt.	10.2	9.6	Cwt.	84	75
Sugarcane	870.3	880.7	Tons	35.0	35.4	Tons	30,424	31,197
Beans, Dry, All 6/	1,665.7	1,701.9	Lbs.	1,753	1,721	Cwt.	29,206	29,287
Hay, Alfalfa	18,445	18,337	Tons	3.33	3.39	Tons	61,446	62,092
Other	38,647	38,202	Tons	2.03	2.09	Tons	78,352	80,008
Safflower	170.2	142.3	Lbs.	1,226	2/	Lbs.	208,643	2/
Sunflowers	1507.6	1611.2	Lbs.	1,469	2/	Lbs.	2,214,835	2/

1/ To be released September 29, 2015.

2/ To be released 2016.

3/ Includes sweet rice.

4/ Cotton yields in pounds, production in 480-pound net weight bales.

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 California and to year of planting for over-wintered beets in central and southern California.

6/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

OFF FARM RICE STOCKS

Stocks of milled rice stored in California mills and warehouses on August 1, 2015 totaled 1.57 million cwt. Nationally, milled rice stocks in all positions on August 1 totaled 4.06 million cwt., 9 percent above the comparable figure for a year ago.

Rough rice stocks in California mills and off-farm warehouses totaled 14.26 million cwt. on August 1, 2015. This was 30 percent above the 11.0 million cwt. of stocks on hand a year earlier. Nationally, rough rice stocks in all positions on August 1, 2015 totaled 42.8 million cwt., up 61 percent from the total on August 1, 2014.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH RICE STOCKS

Month	Season		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	1,000 Cwt.		
December 1	41,414	39,416	---
March 1	26,631	27,817	31,815
June 1	(NA)	15,999	21,694
August 1	8,182	10,997	14,257
October 1	2,926	7,538	---

ROUGH AND MILLED RICE STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

Type of Rice	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	August 1		August 1	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 Cwt.			
ROUGH RICE				
Long Grain	1/	1/	14,010	23,917
Medium Grain	9,833	13,431	11,631	18,169
Short Grain	1/	1/	963	687
TOTAL ROUGH RICE	10,997	14,257	26,604	42,773
MILLED RICE				
<u>Whole Kernels (Head Rice)</u>				
Long Grain	1/	1/	1,556	1,792
Medium Grain	1/	1/	472	878
Short Grain	1/	1/	47	37
Total	436	822	2,075	2,707
<u>Broken Kernels</u>				
Second Heads	1/	1/	797	1,120
Screenings 2/	---	---	92	88
Brewers	1/	1/	747	141
Total	984	753	1,636	1,349
TOTAL MILLED RICE	1,420	1,575	3,711	4,056

--- Represents zero.

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Screenings included with second heads in California.

**PRICES RECEIVED BY CALIFORNIA FARMERS –
AUGUST 2015**

August prices for wheat were not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. There were insufficient sales to establish a monthly price for barley, and upland cotton lint.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The July Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 99, down 5.7 percent from June. At 86, the Crop Production Index decreased 2.3 percent. The Livestock Production Index, at 115, decreased 5.0 percent. Producers received lower prices for broilers, cattle, strawberries, and lettuce but higher prices for corn, cantaloupes, soybeans, and sweet corn. In addition to prices, the indexes are influenced by the monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of wheat, grapes, hay, and cotton offset the decreased marketing of cattle, milk, and oranges.

The Prices Received Index is down 10 percent from the previous year. The Food Commodities Index, at 105, decreased 7.1 percent from the previous month and is down 13 percent from July 2014.

Crop Production: The July index, at 86, decreased 2.3 percent from June and is 7.5 percent below July 2014. Index decreases for fruit & tree nut production, vegetable & melon production, and other crop production more than offset the index increase for oilseeds & grains.

Feed Grain: The July index, at 64, is up 6.7 percent from last month but is 7.2 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$3.80 per bushel, is up 22 cents from last month but is down 26 cents from July 2014. At \$7.68 per cwt, sorghum grain is 5 cents higher than June and up 28 cents from July a year earlier.

Food Grain: At 71, the index for July is 5.3 percent lower than the previous month and 16 percent below a year earlier. The

July price for all wheat, at \$5.23 per bushel, is down 20 cents from June and 92 cents below July 2014.

Oilseed: At 80, the index for July is up 3.9 percent from June but is 22 percent lower than July 2014. The soybean price, at \$9.96 per bushel, increased 38 cents from June but is \$3.14 below July a year earlier.

Fruit and tree nut: The July index, at 122, is down 6.9 percent from June and 10 percent lower than a year earlier. Price decreases during July for strawberries and grapes more than offset the price increase for pears.

Other crops: The July index, at 90, is down 1.1 percent from the previous month and 13 percent below July 2014. The all hay price, at \$156 per ton, is down \$6.00 from June and \$29.00 lower than July 2014. At 66.1 cents per pound, the price for upland cotton is up 1.0 cent from June but 18.6 cents below July 2014.

Meat animal: At 122, the July index is down 3.9 percent from the previous month and 12 percent lower than a year earlier. At \$58.70 per cwt, the July hog price is down \$1.20 from June and \$34.60 lower than a year earlier. The July beef cattle price of \$149 cwt is \$6.00 less than the previous month and \$7.00 below July 2014.

Dairy: The index for July, at 83, is down 1.2 percent from the previous month and 28 percent lower than July a year earlier. The July all milk price of \$16.60 per cwt dropped 30 cents from June and is down \$6.70 from July 2014.

Poultry & egg: At 131, the July index decreased 12 percent from June and is 3.7 percent below 2014. The July market egg price, at \$1.81 per dozen, decreased 12.0 cents from June but is 76.0 cents higher than July 2014. The July broiler price, at 51.0 cents per pound is down 11.0 cents from June and 15.0 cents less than a year earlier. At 84.8 cents per pound, the July turkey price is up 3.6 cents from the previous month and 10.8 cents from 2014.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015
Dollars							
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	145.00	127.86	135.71
Wheat 2/	Tons	257.00	3/	3/	205.00	181.00	174.33
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	218.13	176.88	145.63
Barley 2/	Tons	3/	3/	3/	234.17	210.00	216.25
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	7.40	7.63	7.68
Rice 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	16.10	11.80	11.20
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt.	3/	3/	68.90	36.40	28.80	27.50
All Potatoes 3/	Cwt.	11.50	17.10	16.90	9.72	9.63	9.04
Spring	Cwt.	11.70	17.90	16.90	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt.	9.60	9.45	4/	---	---	---
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	4/	3/	3/	0.847	0.651	0.661
Cottonseed	Tons	---	---	---	---	---	---

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	2011 Base		
	Jul 2014	June 2015	Jul 2015
	(Percent)	(Percent)	(Percent)
Agricultural Production	110	105	99
Crop Production	93	88	86
Grains and oilseed	81	69	71
Feed grain	69	60	64
Food grain	85	75	71
Oilseed	103	77	80
Fruit and Nut	136	131	122
Commercial vegetable	106	110	107
Other crop	104	91	90
Livestock Production	133	121	115
Meat animal	138	127	122
Cattle	138	139	133
Hog	140	90	88
Dairy	116	84	83
Poultry and egg	136	149	131
Food Commodity	121	113	105

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		July 2014	June 2015	July 2015	July 2014	June 2015	July 2015
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	240.00	160.00	150.00	205.00	175.00	165.00
California 2/	Tons	275.00	205.00	185.00	225.00	150.00	160.00
Idaho	Tons	215.00	185.00	185.00	205.00	160.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	265.00	185.00	180.00	215.00	175.00	250.00
Oregon	Tons	235.00	210.00	220.00	225.00	180.00	200.00
Utah	Tons	195.00	175.00	165.00	160.00	140.00	135.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	217.00	178.00	169.00	133.00	127.00	129.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.