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December Hog Inventory Unchanged from 2011

Total inventory of Hawaii's hogs on December 1, 2012 is estimated at 11,500 head, unchanged from the estimate set in 2011. This estimate matches last year's for the record low hog inventory in the State of Hawaii. Some inventory shifts occurred within the market hog categories; however, broader inventory breakdowns remained unchanged from last year.

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The pig crop estimate for 2012 (for the months of December 2011 through November 2012) is set at 18,500 head, consistent with the previous year's estimate. Number of sows to farrow slightly rose 4 percent to 2,600 head, while the number of pigs per litter dropped by 5 percent to 7.01. ■

HOGS AND PIGS: December 1 Inventory by Classes and Weight, State of Hawaii, 2008-2012

Year	All Hogs and Pigs	Breeding	Market				
			Total	Under 50 lbs.	50 - 119 lbs.	120 - 179 lbs.	180 lbs. and over
<i>1,000 head</i>							
2008	13.0	2.8	10.2	3.8	3.3	1.9	1.2
2009	13.0	2.9	10.1	3.9	3.2	1.7	1.3
2010	12.5	3.0	9.5	4.0	2.8	1.7	1.0
2011	11.5	2.5	9.0	4.3	2.3	1.5	0.9
2012	11.5	2.5	9.0	3.6	2.4	1.2	1.8

FARROWINGS: Number of Sows, Pig Crop, and Pigs per Litter, State of Hawaii, 2008-2012

Year	Sows Farrowing	Pig Crop	Pigs per Litter
	December – November ¹	December – November ¹	December – November ¹
<i>1,000 head</i>			
2008	2.8	20.0	7.14
2009	2.6	19.0	7.31
2010	2.7	19.5	7.22
2011	2.5	18.5	7.40
2012	2.6	18.5	7.01

¹ December preceding year.

U. S. HOGS: Inventory Down Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2012 was 66.3 million head. This was down slightly from December 1, 2011.

Breeding inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up slightly from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.5 million head, was down slightly from last year.

The June-November 2012 pig crop, at 58.7 million head, was unchanged from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 5.8 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. ■



HOGS AND PIGS: December 1 Inventory by Classes and Weight, United States, 2010-2012

Year	All Hogs and Pigs	Breeding	Market				
			Total	Under 50 lbs.	50 - 119 lbs.	120 - 179 lbs.	180 lbs. and Over
<i>1,000 head</i>							
2010	64,925	5,778	59,147	18,864	16,519	12,233	11,531
2011	66,361	5,803	60,558	19,524	16,643	12,473	11,918
2012	66,348	5,817	60,531	19,448	16,643	12,479	11,961

FARROWINGS: Number of Sows, Pig Crop, and Pigs per Litter, United States, 2011-2013

Year	Sows Farrowing		Pig Crop		Pigs per Litter	
	December – May ¹	June – November	December – May ¹	June – November	December – May ¹	June – November
<i>1,000 head</i>						
<i>Average number</i>						
2011	5,760	5,857	57,118	58,720	9.92	10.03
2012	5,847	5,791	58,627	58,712	10.03	10.14
2013²	5,790					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowings December 2012 - May 2013.

AGRICULTURAL LABOR: Annual Hired Agriculture Workers Decline 4 Percent in 2012

Quarterly agriculture labor data for July and October of 2012 was collected in October for the reference weeks of July 8-14 and October 7-13. Hawaii's hired agricultural workforce consisted of 7,100 workers in July and 7,400 workers in October. Combined with the estimates from January and April, this brings the annual average number of hired agricultural workers in Hawaii to 6,800. The annual average total number of workers for 2012 is down 300 workers or 4 percent from last year's average. Estimated hired workers in sugarcane and pineapple industries rose to 840 in July, then dropped to 810 in October. These estimates bring the annual average hired workers for these industries to 800 for 2012. All other diversified agriculture workers (all industries besides pineapple and sugarcane) were estimated at 6,260 for July and 6,590 in October, with an annual average of 6,000. Drought conditions persisted in many areas throughout the second half of 2012. Towards the end of the year, much needed rain began returning to the state decreasing the severity of drought in windward areas while leeward areas remained very dry.

Agricultural Wage Rates Increase

Average wages for all hired agriculture workers in Hawaii was estimated at \$15.27 an hour for the July reference week, and \$15.17 an hour during the October reference week. These wages are up 36 cents and 34 cents respectively compared to the July and October 2011 estimates. Wage rates for all hired workers in Hawaii continue to be approximately 30 percent greater than the national average wage rate for all hired agricultural workers. Field and livestock worker combined wage rates for Hawaii are set at \$12.90 an hour in July, and \$12.85 an hour in October, representing an increase of 14 cents and 20 cents from their respective estimates in 2011. Wage rates for the field and livestock worker category are greater than the national average by a margin of approximately 18 percent. ■

FARM LABOR: Number of Workers on Farms, Quarterly and Annual Averages, State of Hawaii, 2011 and 2012 ^{1/}

Quarter	Hired Workers		
	Total	Sugarcane and Pineapple ^{2/}	Other
2011			
January	6,900	850	6,050
April ^{3/}			
July	7,000	850	6,150
October	7,300	830	6,470
Annual Average	^{4/} 7,100	^{4/} 850	^{4/} 6,250
2012			
January	6,300	750	5,550
April	6,500	800	5,700
July	7,100	840	6,260
October	7,400	810	6,590
Annual Average	6,800	800	6,000

^{1/} Estimates for each quarter are based on a survey week that includes the 12th day of the month. Annual averages are based on quarterly estimates.

^{2/} Data combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{3/} The April 2011 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted. ^{4/} Average of 3 quarters.

U. S. AGRICULTURAL LABOR: *Hired Workers Increase Over 5 Percent From a Year Ago*

There were 906,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2012, up nearly 9 percent from the July 2011 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 872,000 for the reference week of October 7-13, 2012, up more than 5 percent from the October 2011 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.36 per hour during the July 2012 reference week, up nearly 4 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.71 per hour, up more than 4 percent, while livestock workers earned \$10.89 per hour compared with \$10.29 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.75 per hour, was up 47 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.4 for hired workers during the reference week, down a little over 2 percent from July 2011.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.76 per hour during the October 2012 reference week, up over 5 percent from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$11.22 per hour, up over 6 percent from a year earlier. Livestock workers earned \$10.83, up 16 cents. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.13 per hour, was up 56 cents from a year earlier. The number of hours worked averaged 41.5 for hired workers during the reference week, nearly the same as hours worked in October 2011. ■

Source: *Farm Labor*, November 19, 2012, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers for Hawaii, California, and United States, October 7-13, 2012 with Comparison. ^{1/}

Quarter	All Hired Farm Workers			Field and Livestock Workers		
	Hawaii	California	United States ^{2/}	Hawaii	California	United States ^{2/}
<i>Dollars per hour</i>						
July 10-16, 2011	14.91	10.90	10.93	12.76	10.20	10.28
October 9-15, 2011	14.83	10.96	11.15	12.65	10.30	10.57
July 8-14, 2012	15.27	11.61	11.36	12.90	10.85	10.75
October 7-13, 2012	15.17	11.73	11.76	12.85	10.80	11.13

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Excludes Alaska.

U. S. SUGARCANE:

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2012 is estimated at 32.6 million tons, of which 30.9 million tons was utilized for sugar and 1.70 million tons for seed. Total production for sugar and seed is up 2 percent from the December 1 forecast and up 12 percent from 2011. Sugarcane producers harvested 899,000 acres for sugar and seed in 2012, up slightly from the December forecast and up 3 percent from last year. Yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 36.3 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from the December forecast and up 2.8 tons from 2011.

In Louisiana, an extended growing season coupled with timely rains helped growers realize record high yields this year. Florida also reported very good growing conditions this season. Although some damage was reported to the crop in Florida and Louisiana during Hurricane Isaac, the damage was early in the growing season which allowed ample time for the crop to fully recover. Production in Hawaii was up slightly from last year despite drought conditions on the island of Maui since the entire crop is irrigated. ■

SUGARCANE: Area Harvested and Yield, States and United States, 2010-2012

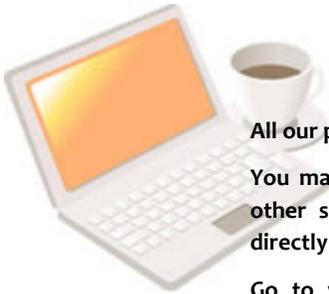
State	Area Harvested			Yield per Acre ¹		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			<i>Tons</i>		
For sugar						
Florida	374.0	380.0	393.6	32.7	37.5	37.8
Hawaii	15.5	15.1	15.5	77.1	85.2	84.8
Louisiana	390.0	385.0	400.0	27.8	27.6	33.0
Texas	45.8	47.0	43.0	30.5	33.5	35.9
United States	825.3	827.1	852.1	31.1	33.5	36.3
For seed						
Florida	18.0	17.0	16.4	41.2	40.0	42.7
Hawaii	1.9	1.5	1.5	26.3	30.0	30.0
Louisiana	30.0	25.0	28.0	27.8	27.6	33.0
Texas	2.3	2.0	1.0	31.0	35.5	32.0
United States	52.2	45.5	46.9	32.5	32.7	36.3
For sugar and seed						
Florida	392.0	397.0	410.0	33.1	37.6	38.0
Hawaii	17.4	16.6	17.0	71.6	80.2	79.9
Louisiana	420.0	410.0	428.0	27.8	27.6	33.0
Texas	48.1	49.0	44.0	30.5	33.6	35.8
United States	877.5	872.6	899.0	31.2	33.5	36.3

¹ Net tons.

**SUGARCANE: Production,
States and United States, 2010-2012**

State	Production ¹		
	2010	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 tons</i>		
For sugar			
Florida	12,230	14,250	14,878
Hawaii	1,195	1,287	1,314
Louisiana	10,842	10,626	13,200
Texas	1,396	1,575	1,544
United States	25,663	27,738	30,936
For seed			
Florida	742	680	700
Hawaii	50	45	45
Louisiana	834	690	924
Texas	71	71	32
United States	1,697	1,486	1,701
For sugar and seed			
Florida	12,972	14,930	15,578
Hawaii	1,245	1,332	1,359
Louisiana	11,676	11,316	14,124
Texas	1,467	1,646	1,576
United States	27,360	29,224	32,637

¹ Net tons.



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U. S. SUGARBEETS:



Production for 2012 is estimated at 35.2 million tons, up 1 percent from the November 1 forecast and 22 percent above last year. Growers in the 10 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.23 million acres, down slightly from last year. Harvested area, at 1.20 million acres, is down 1 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 29.3 tons per acre, is up 0.5 ton from the November forecast and 5.5 tons above last year.

Early planting followed by hot and dry summer growing conditions helped maximize the crop's yield potential. Colorado, Michigan, Nebraska, and North Dakota reported record high yields this year, leading to a record high United States yield. Dry fall weather provided nearly optimal harvest conditions in most of the growing region. ■

SUGARBEETS: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production, States and United States, 2010-2012 ¹

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			<i>Tons</i>		
California ²	25.6	25.2	24.5	25.5	25.2	24.5
Colorado	28.9	29.4	31.2	27.9	28.7	29.7
Idaho	171.0	176.0	183.0	170.0	176.0	182.0
Michigan	147.0	153.0	154.0	147.0	153.0	153.0
Minnesota	449.0	479.0	475.0	441.0	469.0	463.0
Montana	42.6	45.0	46.6	42.5	43.0	45.8
Nebraska	50.0	52.3	51.0	47.5	51.6	48.9
North Dakota	217.0	231.0	222.0	214.0	225.0	215.0
Oregon	10.3	10.9	11.0	10.3	10.8	11.0
Wyoming	30.5	31.0	31.8	30.4	30.9	31.3
United States	1,171.9	1,232.8	1,230.1	1,156.1	1,213.2	1,204.2

State	Yield per Acre			Production		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	<i>Tons</i>			<i>1,000 tons</i>		
California ²	44.6	46.5	44.0	1,137	1,172	1,078
Colorado	29.5	28.9	31.8	823	829	944
Idaho	31.0	34.4	35.3	5,270	6,054	6,425
Michigan	26.0	24.0	29.0	3,822	3,672	4,437
Minnesota	26.6	19.0	26.5	11,731	8,911	12,270
Montana	29.5	25.9	28.2	1,254	1,114	1,292
Nebraska	23.8	24.9	29.8	1,131	1,285	1,457
North Dakota	26.5	20.5	28.0	5,671	4,613	6,020
Oregon	36.3	35.8	38.0	374	387	418
Wyoming	27.0	27.8	28.6	821	859	895
United States	27.7	23.8	29.3	32,034	28,896	35,236

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except California. ² Relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California.