



Seed Crop Industry Valued at New Record High \$243.0 Million

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The Hawaii Field Office of the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service estimates the value of Hawaii's seed industry at a new record high of \$243.0 million for the 2011/12 season. This preliminary estimate represents a 1.5 percent increase from the 2010/11 revised estimate of \$239.4 million. Seed corn is estimated to account for \$230.0 million or 95 percent of the total value in 2011/12. A variety of other seed crops accounted for the remaining 5 percent.

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Outshipments of seed are projected to total 12.5 million pounds during the 2011/12 season, up 23 percent from the revised 10.2 million shipped during the previous season.

Acreage harvested for all seed crops is expected total 6,525 during the 2011/12 season, down 9 percent from the previous revised season. ■

SEED CROPS: Number of Farms, Acreage, Outshipments, and Value State of Hawaii, 2002/03-2011/12

Crop Year ¹	Farms	Acreage by Use				Total Outshipments of Seed	Value ²		
		Total	Nursery	Seed Increase	Grow-out or Observation		Total	Seed Corn	Other Seed Crops
		Acres				1,000 pounds	\$1,000		
2002/03	7	3,900	1,210	2,580	110	5,850	48,145	47,060	1,085
2003/04	10	3,900	1,045	2,730	125	6,500	49,160	47,435	1,725
2004/05	10	3,680	1,090	2,450	140	6,900	62,600	60,200	2,400
2005/06	10	4,140	1,360	2,740	40	7,550	77,330	74,800	2,530
2006/07	10	4,260	1,295	2,910	55	10,470	103,040	98,050	4,990
2007/08	10	5,300	1,830	3,470	0	8,380	140,710	135,580	5,130
2008/09	10	5,990	1,920	4,060	10	11,275	176,990	169,275	7,715
2009/10	11	6,500	2,190	4,290	20	12,000	236,410	224,490	11,920
2010/11 ³	10	6,205	1,925	4,275	5	10,230	239,375	229,830	9,545
2011/12 ⁴	10	5,625	1,570	3,920	135	12,540	242,970	229,985	12,985

¹ Seed crops are grown year-round in Hawaii with the main season from November to June. ² Value is based on sales or gross operational budgets.

³ Revised. ⁴ Preliminary.

U.S. Sugarcane:



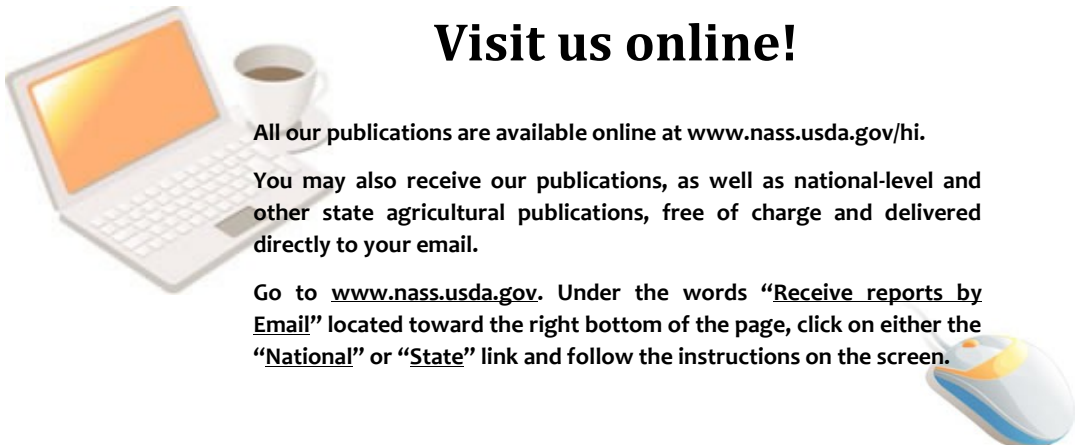
Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2012 is forecast at 32.1 million tons, up 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2011. Producers intend to harvest 896,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 2012 crop year, down 2,000 acres from the previous forecast. Expected yield for sugar and seed is forecast at 35.8 tons per acre, up 1.0 ton from the October 1 forecast.

The sugarcane crop in Louisiana benefitted from cool and dry weather during October. In Florida, wet weather at the beginning of the month delayed harvest. However, dry conditions for the remainder of the month allowed harvest to get back on schedule. ■

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2011 and forecasted November 1, 2012

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2011	2012	2011	2012		2011	2012
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	397.0	410.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	15,085	15,580
Hawaii	16.6	17.0	80.2	80.0	80.0	1,332	1,360
Louisiana	410.0	425.0	27.6	30.0	32.0	11,320	13,600
Texas	49.0	44.0	33.6	34.5	35.9	1,646	1,580
U.S.	872.6	896.0	33.7	34.8	35.8	29,383	32,120

¹ Net tons.



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U.S. Sugarbeets:



Production of sugarbeets for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 34.9 million tons, down 2 percent from the previous forecast. Producers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 28.8 tons per acre, 0.5 tons lower than the previous month but 5.0 tons higher than last year. If realized, this will be a record yield for the United States.

Most of the growing region continued to experience dry conditions during October. Several growing areas reported freezing temperatures during harvest. ■

SUGARBEETS: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2011 and forecasted November 1, 2012¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012		2011	2012
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
California	25.1	24.5	44.0	43.0	43.0	1,104	1,054
Colorado	28.7	29.7	28.9	34.0	33.2	829	986
Idaho	176.0	182.0	34.4	35.4	35.5	6,054	6,461
Michigan	153.0	153.0	24.0	28.0	28.2	3,672	4,315
Minnesota	469.0	473.0	19.0	27.0	26.0	8,911	12,298
Montana	43.0	46.0	25.9	28.9	28.1	1,112	1,293
Nebraska	51.6	49.0	24.9	31.0	28.2	1,287	1,382
North Dakota	225.0	216.0	20.5	27.0	27.0	4,613	5,832
Oregon	10.8	11.0	35.8	37.5	37.1	387	408
Wyoming	30.9	31.3	27.8	30.1	29.3	859	917
U.S.	1,213.1	1,215.5	23.8	29.3	28.8	28,828	34,946

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except California. In California, 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.