

U.S. Sugarcane: 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 30.2 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 1 percent from 2009. Production decreases from last year are expected in Hawaii and Louisiana, while increases are expected in Florida and Texas. Producers intend to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, down 7,000 acres from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year. In Texas, harvested acreage for sugar and seed is expected to total 52,000 acres. If realized, this will be a record high for the State. Conversely, producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,200 acres for sugar and seed. If realized, this will be a record low for the State. Expected

yield is forecast at 34.5 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from the August 1 forecast but down 0.3 ton from 2009.

Warm temperatures in Florida promoted rapid phenological development in many sugarcane fields, leaving much of the crop in excellent condition. Although producers in portions of the State were treating some fields for orange rust, the impact was not expected to jeopardize the crop. Elsewhere, condition ratings from August 29 indicated 70 percent of Louisiana's crop to be good to excellent. ■

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by State and United States, 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	387.0	392.0	36.0	35.7	36.7	13,939	14,386
Hawaii	22.2	17.2	62.3	72.2	72.2	1,382	1,242
Louisiana	425.0	415.0	32.2	31.0	31.0	13,685	12,865
Texas	39.7	52.0	35.9	37.7	33.0	1,426	1,716
U.S.	873.9	876.2	34.8	34.3	34.5	30,432	30,209

¹ Net tons.

U.S. Sugarbeets: 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010

Production of sugarbeets for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.1 million tons, up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down 2,500 acres from the August 1 forecast and down 5,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 28.9 tons per acre, an increase of 0.6 ton from the previous forecast and 3.2 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

By August 29, harvest was underway ahead of the normal pace in several sugarbeet-producing States. Producers in Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota had harvested 3, 4, and 5 percent of their crop, respectively, while harvest was expected to begin in Idaho within the next couple of weeks. On August 29, ninety-seven percent of Minnesota's sugarbeet crop was reported in good to excellent condition, while ratings in North Dakota indicated 85 percent of the crop in good to excellent condition. ■

SUGARBEETS: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by State and United States, 2009 and Forecasted September 1, 2010¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 Tons -----	
California	25.3	25.0	35.0	40.0	40.0	886	1,000
Colorado	35.0	27.8	27.5	28.0	28.0	963	778
Idaho	163.0	170.0	34.3	31.5	32.2	5,591	5,474
Michigan	136.0	147.0	24.4	29.0	29.0	3,318	4,263
Minnesota	449.0	426.0	23.7	27.0	28.0	10,641	11,928
Montana	33.6	42.6	29.8	29.7	30.9	1,001	1,316
Nebraska	52.6	47.5	24.6	23.5	22.0	1,294	1,045
North Dakota	218.0	217.0	22.0	27.0	28.0	4,796	6,076
Oregon	10.5	10.3	37.6	34.7	35.1	395	362
Wyoming	25.6	30.3	26.5	28.5	27.0	678	818
U.S.	1,148.6	1,143.5	25.7	28.3	28.9	29,563	33,060

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.