



# HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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## U.S. SUGARCANE

U.S. sugarcane growers intend to harvest 934,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 1998 crop year, 20,000 acres above 1997 but 2,000 acres below the June forecast. Compared to 1997, harvested area is expected to increase by 10,000 acres in Louisiana and by 7,200 acres in Texas.

Production is forecasted at 30.9 million tons, nearly 3 percent below 1997 due to a 5 percent yield reduction to 33.1 tons per acre. Yield prospects in Florida were not significantly reduced by the drought. In the western Gulf Coast sugarcane producing region, drought conditions reduced yield prospects, but timely showers alleviated the effects in

some areas. A new, higher yielding variety and more efficient harvesting techniques were also expected to partially offset the drought induced yield reductions.

## U.S. SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED

State	Area harvested		Yield <sup>1</sup>		Production <sup>1</sup>		
	1997	Indication 1998	1997	Indication 1998	1996	1997	Indication 1998
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	440.0	443.0	36.9	35.5	14,498	16,236	15,727
Hawaii	34.2	34.0	88.0	82.0	3,639	3,009	2,788
Louisiana	410.0	420.0	28.2	27.0	10,323	11,546	11,340
Texas	29.8	37.0	30.3	27.5	1,002	902	1,018
U.S.	914.0	934.0	34.7	33.1	29,462	31,693	30,873

<sup>1</sup> Net tons.

## U.S. SUGARBEETS

Planted acres were updated from the June forecast in Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, and North Dakota. Acres to be harvested in the 12 producing states was forecasted at just over 1.46 million acres, 32,500 acres above 1997 but 12,400 acres below the previous forecast. Heavy rains drowned several thousand acres in the southern Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota and accounts for most of the increase in abandonment.

Production is forecasted at 31.3 million tons, 5 percent above the 1997 final production estimate and the second largest on record, if realized. Above average yields are expected in the northern Great Plains despite flood damage in parts of the Red River Valley. In the central High Plains, poor weather in the early part of the growing season has been offset by most favorable weather in recent weeks, raising yield expectations. In the Pacific Coast States, higher yields and record production are expected in Washington, but Oregon and California yields are forecasted below 1997, mostly due to cool, wet weather which is expected to delay harvest by more than one month in California.

### U.S. SUGARBEETS<sup>1</sup>

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1997	Indication 1998	1997	Indication 1998	1996	1997	Indication 1998
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
California	99.0	100.0	30.0	29.5	2,419	2,970	2,950
Colorado	66.4	59.8	19.7	21.7	1,032	1,308	1,298
Idaho	197.0	203.0	26.4	25.0	4,563	5,210	5,075
Michigan	160.0	174.0	19.0	18.5	1,963	3,040	3,219
Minnesota	446.0	465.0	18.5	19.4	7,971	8,251	9,021
Montana	58.3	60.2	21.0	21.6	1,300	1,224	1,300
Nebraska	60.3	45.9	16.8	19.0	913	1,013	872
New Mexico	1.6		30.6		27	49	
North Dakota	227.5	245.0	18.5	19.7	4,213	4,205	4,827
Ohio	0.9	1.0	19.0	18.0	86	17	18
Oregon	17.4	17.4	28.4	25.1	416	494	437
Texas	15.0		18.0		242	270	
Washington	18.0	36.5	33.1	33.6	461	595	1,226
Wyoming	60.9	53.0	20.4	20.0	1,074	1,240	1,060
U.S.	1,428.3	1,460.8	20.9	21.4	26,680	29,886	31,303

<sup>1</sup> Relates to year of intended harvest except for overwintered spring planted beets in California.