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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production is forecast at a record high 37.1 million tons, 7 percent above the previous record of 34.7 million tons set last year. U.S. sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 987,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 1999 crop year, 4 percent more than last year's final harvested acres. The record high acreage is due to a 30,000 acre expansion in Louisiana and a 9,000 acre increase in Florida. The expansion in Louisiana is due to increased use of a new high-yielding variety that can be harvested mechanically even if it is severely lodged. Yield is forecast at 37.5 tons per acre, 0.9 ton above 1998. A record high yield is forecast for Louisiana due to ideal growing conditions, a high-yielding sugarcane hybrid, and increased utilization of more efficient harvester. Warm weather and frequent rains promoted rapid growth in Florida.

U.S. SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	1998	Indication 1999	1998	Indication 1999	1997	1998	Indication 1999
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	447.0	456.0	40.1	39.0	16,236	17,925	17,784
Hawaii	32.5	35.0	86.1	84.0	3,009	2,798	2,940
Louisiana	435.0	465.0	29.7	33.0	11,562	12,920	15,345
Texas	32.6	31.5	32.6	32.0	902	1,064	1,008
U.S.	947.1	987.5	36.6	37.5	31,709	34,707	37,077

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production is forecast at record high 33.6 million tons, 3 percent above the previous record in 1998. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1,525,500 acres, 5 percent more than last year and the highest since 1,540,500 acres were harvested in 1969. The yield is forecast at 22.0 tons per acre, 0.5 tons below 1998.

Seasonal temperatures and adequate moisture supplies promoted healthy development in most of the Great Plains. A few fields in Colorado were damaged by hail and excessive moisture. Some fields in North Dakota and Minnesota were also hampered by excessive soil moisture. The California beet crop is forecast at a record high, as cooler-than-normal summer weather boosted yield prospects. Increasing moisture shortages stressed some fields in Michigan.

U.S. SUGARBEETS¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1998	Indication 1999	1998	Indication 1999	1997	1998	Indication 1999
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
California	100.0	105.0	28.3	31.0	2,970	2,830	3,255
Colorado	57.3	68.0	22.7	21.6	1,308	1,301	1,469
Idaho	203.0	210.0	27.1	25.3	5,210	5,501	5,313
Michigan	173.0	187.0	16.0	19.0	3,040	2,768	3,553
Minnesota	458.0	469.0	21.2	20.0	8,251	9,710	9,380
Montana	62.4	61.8	22.6	23.5	1,224	1,410	1,452
Nebraska	47.4	66.8	19.7	19.8	1,013	934	1,323
New Mexico ²					49		
North Dakota	242.6	253.0	22.2	21.0	4,205	5,386	5,313
Ohio	1.1	1.2	17.3	18.5	17	19	22
Oregon	17.7	19.7	26.6	25.0	494	471	493
Texas ²					270		
Washington	35.8	27.0	33.3	31.8	595	1,192	859
Wyoming	53.4	57.0	20.3	21.0	1,240	1,084	1,197
U.S.	1,451.7	1,525.5	22.5	22.0	29,886	32,606	33,629

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

² No acres planted in 1998 or 1999.