



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production is forecast at a record high 36.6 million tons, fractionally lower than the September forecast but 1 percent above the previous record of 36.1 million tons set last year. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 1.03 million acres for sugar and seed during the 2001 crop year. This is slightly lower than the previous month but slightly higher than last year's final harvested acres. Yield is forecast at 35.5 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from the September 1 forecast but 0.3 ton above last year's yield.

Louisiana's harvested acreage is down 1 percent from last year's record high acreage. This is the first year-to-year decline since 1996. The yield and production forecasts in Louisiana are record highs, due to abundant moisture and near normal temperatures during most of the growing season. The Texas crop has also experienced favorable growing conditions. In Florida, the crop is in good condition despite last January's freezing temperatures, spring and summer water restrictions, and strong winds from tropical storm Gabrielle. Harvest was active in Hawaii as dry conditions prevailed.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 1999-2000 and forecasted October 1, 2001

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	2000	Indication 2001	2000	Indication 2001	1999	2000	Indication 2001
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	445.0	465.0	38.3	36.0	16,100	17,045	16,740
Hawaii	34.4	23.2	70.7	85.0	2,960	2,432	1,972
Louisiana	500.0	495.0	29.7	33.0	15,206	14,851	16,335
Texas	46.3	46.0	38.6	32.8	1,033	1,789	1,507
U.S.	1,025.7	1,029.2	35.2	35.5	35,299	36,117	36,554

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production is forecast at 28.3 million tons, 1 percent above the September 1 forecast but 13 percent below last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres. This is unchanged from the September estimate but 3 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 21.3 tons per acre, 0.2 ton above September but 2.3 tons below 2000.

Above-normal temperatures promoted ripening from the Great Plains to the Pacific Northwest and California. September rains boosted topsoil moisture and reduced crop stress in Michigan and Minnesota. Harvest began in the Red River Valley, but on September 30, progress lagged behind normal in Minnesota and North Dakota. Mostly dry weather aided harvest in Idaho, where progress was slightly ahead of normal at the end of the month. Harvest was complete in California's Imperial Valley and neared completion in the San Joaquin Valley. In parts of the High Plains, early harvest progress was delayed due to unfavorably warm beet-piling weather.

SUGARBEETS: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 1999-2000 and forecasted October 1, 2001 ¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2000	Indication 2001	2000	Indication 2001	1999	2000	Indication 2001
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
California	93.5	44.5	32.5	37.0	3,456	3,039	1,647
Colorado	53.6	39.6	22.5	22.0	1,459	1,206	871
Idaho	191.0	195.0	29.3	25.5	5,103	5,596	4,973
Michigan	166.0	173.0	20.5	18.0	3,534	3,403	3,114
Minnesota	430.0	457.0	21.5	19.6	9,447	9,245	8,957
Montana	55.2	56.9	23.9	21.7	1,468	1,319	1,235
Nebraska	54.8	45.2	20.3	20.6	1,258	1,112	931
North Dakota	232.0	254.0	22.1	20.0	5,138	5,127	5,080
Ohio	0.8	0.8	21.0	18.5	33	17	15
Oregon	14.0	11.7	29.5	29.3	494	413	343
Washington	27.3	7.2	29.4	36.5	825	803	263
Wyoming	56.1	46.0	20.6	20.0	1,205	1,156	920
U.S.	1,374.3	1,330.9	23.6	21.3	33,420	32,436	28,349

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