



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production is forecast at 36.1 million tons, virtually unchanged from the September forecast but 1 percent above last year. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 997,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 2003 crop year, up fractionally from last month but 3 percent below last year's final harvested acres. Yield is forecast at 36.2 tons per acre, unchanged from the September forecast but 1.5 tons above 2002.

Sugarcane ripeners were applied on time in Louisiana, and as of September 28, harvest was 5 percent complete. Weather conditions there have been favorable for growth and remain favorable for harvest. In Florida, dry weather during the first half of September, followed by mostly rainy conditions during the last half, aided growth and development of the crop. Growers there expect to begin harvesting around mid-October. The Texas Rio Grande Valley experienced some

heavy and badly needed rain during September; however, yield prospects still declined from last month. Weather in Hawaii remained relatively dry.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2002 and forecasted October 1, 2003

| State | Area harvested | | Yield ¹ | | | Production ¹ | |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | | 2002 | 2003 |
| | | | | Sep 1 | Oct 1 | | |
| | ----- 1,000 acres ----- | | ----- Tons ----- | | | ----- 1,000 tons ----- | |
| Florida | 461.0 | 441.0 | 38.3 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 17,653 | 17,640 |
| Hawaii | 22.7 | 22.0 | 95.1 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 2,159 | 2,090 |
| Louisiana | 495.0 | 490.0 | 28.3 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 14,009 | 14,700 |
| Texas | 44.5 | 44.0 | 38.9 | 38.0 | 36.9 | 1,732 | 1,624 |
| U.S. | 1,023.2 | 997.0 | 34.7 | 36.2 | 36.2 | 35,553 | 36,054 |

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production is forecast at 29.9 million tons, 3 percent below the September forecast but 8 percent above last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.35 million acres. This is virtually unchanged from the September forecast but 1 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 22.2 tons per acre, 0.6 ton below the September forecast but 1.8 tons above 2002.

Condition ratings for the Minnesota and North Dakota sugarbeet crops declined during September, primarily due to continued dry weather. In Montana, improved availability of irrigation water has resulted in greatly improved yields compared to last year. Most States began harvest near the end of September. In both Minnesota and North Dakota, 11 percent of the crop was harvested as of September 28, slightly behind the 5-year average in each State.

SUGARBEETS: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2002 and forecasted October 1, 2003¹

| State | Area Harvested | | Yield ¹ | | | Production ¹ | |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | | 2002 | 2003 |
| | | | | Sep 1 | Oct 1 | | |
| | ----- 1,000 acres ----- | | ----- Tons ----- | | | ----- 1,000 tons ----- | |
| California | 49.9 | 50.0 | 39.5 | 38.0 | 37.0 | 1,971 | 1,850 |
| Colorado | 39.5 | 27.5 | 20.1 | 23.5 | 23.5 | 794 | 646 |
| Idaho | 210.0 | 207.0 | 24.3 | 27.6 | 27.6 | 5,103 | 5,713 |
| Michigan | 177.0 | 175.0 | 18.1 | 19.0 | 18.0 | 3,204 | 3,150 |
| Minnesota | 476.0 | 465.0 | 18.6 | 20.8 | 19.9 | 8,854 | 9,254 |
| Montana | 55.9 | 52.2 | 19.6 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 1,096 | 1,305 |
| Nebraska | 42.0 | 43.4 | 18.1 | 20.7 | 20.7 | 760 | 898 |
| North Dakota | 258.0 | 278.0 | 18.6 | 21.5 | 21.0 | 4,799 | 5,838 |
| Ohio | 1.8 | 1.8 | 20.6 | 24.0 | 24.0 | 37 | 43 |
| Oregon | 11.0 | 9.4 | 27.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 301 | 278 |
| Washington | 4.0 | 4.4 | 35.0 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 140 | 176 |
| Wyoming | 36.0 | 34.0 | 18.3 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 659 | 731 |
| U.S. | 1,361.1 | 1,347.7 | 20.4 | 22.8 | 22.2 | 27,718 | 29,882 |

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.