



# HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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## U.S. SUGARCANE

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 is forecast at 30.3 million tons, 4 percent below the September forecast and 10 percent below 2003. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 961,600 acres for sugar and seed during the 2004 crop year, unchanged from September but 3 percent less than last year's final harvested area. Yield is forecast at 31.5 tons per acre, 1.5 tons below the previous forecast and 2.5 tons below the 2003 yield.

Florida's yield forecast, at 36.0 tons per acre, is down 1.0 ton from September due to damage caused by three hurricanes during September. However, wind damage was mostly limited to the edges of fields and harvested acreage was not expected to change. Harvest was delayed in Florida due to soggy fields and loss of power at processing plants.

Louisiana's yield forecast declined 2.0 tons due to continued dry weather. At 24.0 tons per acre, this is the lowest yield since 1993. Harvest was 3 percent complete on October 3, compared with 9 percent for last year and the 5-year average.

### **SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2003 and forecasted October 1, 2004**

State	Area harvested		Yield <sup>1</sup>			Production <sup>1</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Sep 1	Oct 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	438.0	420.0	39.3	37.0	36.0	17,231	15,120
Hawaii	21.3	24.1	97.7	94.0	94.0	2,082	2,265
Louisiana	490.0	475.0	26.2	26.0	24.0	12,838	11,400
Texas	45.1	42.5	37.8	36.0	36.0	1,706	1,530
U.S.	994.4	961.6	34.0	33.0	31.5	33,857	30,315

<sup>1</sup> Net tons.

## U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production for 2004 is forecast at 28.8 million tons, 1 percent above the September forecast but 6 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 21.7 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from September but 1.0 ton below 2003. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres, virtually unchanged from last month but 2 percent below last year.

As harvest began across the Nation, yield expectations improved by 0.3 ton in Minnesota, 0.5 ton in Michigan, and 0.7 ton in California and Wyoming but remained unchanged elsewhere. As of October 3, harvest progress in the 4 major producing States was behind the 5-year average. North Dakota growers had advanced the most, harvesting 26 percent of their acreage. In Michigan, where just 2 percent of the crop was harvested, progress was 23 points behind normal.

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State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Sep 1	Oct 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
California	50.2	49.0	36.5	37.3	38.0	1,832	1,862
Colorado	27.4	33.4	23.5	22.7	22.7	644	758
Idaho	207.0	192.0	29.2	27.1	27.1	6,044	5,203
Michigan	178.0	163.0	19.1	18.5	19.0	3,400	3,097
Minnesota	487.0	479.0	20.6	19.6	19.9	10,032	9,532
Montana	51.5	52.2	25.4	21.0	21.0	1,308	1,096
Nebraska	42.4	47.6	20.3	20.0	20.0	861	952
North Dakota	255.0	256.0	20.4	19.5	19.5	5,202	4,992
Ohio	1.9	1.6	24.2	21.5	21.5	46	34
Oregon	9.8	12.5	30.7	29.0	29.0	301	363
Washington	4.0	3.8	40.3	37.6	37.6	161	143
Wyoming	33.7	35.9	22.3	21.8	22.5	752	808
U.S.	1,347.9	1,326.0	22.7	21.5	21.7	30,583	28,840

<sup>1</sup>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.