




# HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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## U.S. SUGARCANE

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2008 is forecast at 29.9 million tons, down slightly from the September forecast and from 2007. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 868,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 2008 crop year, unchanged from September but down 11,100 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 34.4 tons per acre, down 0.2 ton from the September forecast but up 0.3 ton from 2007.

Harvested acreage in Florida is up 7,000 acres from last year, while yield is up 2.9 tons, resulting in a production forecast 10 percent above last year. Acres harvested for sugar and seed in Louisiana followed the opposite trend, down 15,000 from 2007. Yield is down 3.4 tons from last year and production is

down 14 percent from 2007. Yields are forecast above last year in all States except Louisiana, where excessive rains and winds from Hurricane Gustav negatively affected the crop.

### SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2007 and forecasted October 1, 2008

State	Area harvested		Yield <sup>1</sup>			Production <sup>1</sup>	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				Sep 1	Oct 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	393.0	400.0	36.1	39.4	39.0	14,177	15,600
Hawaii	22.9	22.0	68.3	75.8	75.8	1,564	1,668
Louisiana	420.0	405.0	30.4	27.0	27.0	12,768	10,935
Texas	43.7	41.5	33.4	39.8	39.8	1,460	1,652
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>879.6</b>	<b>868.5</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>29,969</b>	<b>29,855</b>

<sup>1</sup> Net tons.

## **U.S. SUGARBEETS**

Production of sugarbeets in 2008 is forecast at 28.0 million tons, 7 percent above the September forecast but 12 percent below 2007's production of 31.9 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.05 million acres, 4,600 acres below the September forecast and the lowest acreage since 1982. The yield is forecast at 26.5 tons per acre, up 1.8 tons from September and up 0.9 ton from the previous year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record. Yields were at or above last year's level in all States except in the Pacific Northwest. As of September 28, harvest was 7 percent complete in the four major producing States, 3 points behind normal.

### **Sugarbeets: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2007 and forecasted October 1, 2008<sup>1</sup>**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				Sep 1	Oct 1		
	----- 1,000 Acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 Tons -----	
California	39.1	25.3	37.5	39.1	39.0	1,466	987
Colorado	29.2	28.6	26.2	27.0	27.0	765	772
Idaho	167.0	117.0	34.4	30.5	30.5	5,745	3,569
Michigan	149.0	136.0	23.4	24.5	28.5	3,487	3,876
Minnesota	481.0	432.0	23.8	22.7	25.0	11,448	10,800
Montana	47.0	30.7	24.7	25.5	25.5	1,161	783
Nebraska	44.3	37.0	23.5	23.5	23.5	1,041	870
North Dakota	247.0	212.0	23.1	23.0	25.5	5,706	5,406
Oregon	11.0	5.9	31.9	31.2	31.2	351	184
Washington	2.0	1.6	42.0	39.4	39.4	84	63
Wyoming	30.2	27.0	21.8	24.0	24.0	658	648
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>1,246.8</b>	<b>1,053.1</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>31,912</b>	<b>27,958</b>

<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.