

U.S. Sugarcane:

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 30.2 million tons, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 1 percent from 2009. Production decreases from last year are expected in Hawaii and Louisiana, while increases are expected in Florida and Texas. Producers intend to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, also unchanged from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year. In Texas, harvested acre for sugar and seed is expected to total 52,000 acres. If realized, this will be a record high for the State. Conversely, producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,200 acres for sugar and seed. If realized,

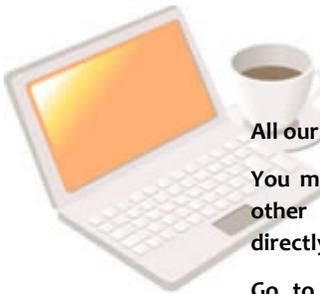
this will be a record low for the State. Expected yield is forecast at 34.5 tons per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 0.3 ton from 2009.

Significant rainfall delivered by Tropical Storm Nicole at the start of October delayed sugarcane harvest in Florida. Elsewhere, harvest in Louisiana was underway Statewide and progressing ahead of the normal pace. Despite unusually dry conditions throughout much of the growing season in Louisiana, tonnage was reported as being good due to timely rainfall received in August. ■

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by State and United States, 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
				Sep 1	Oct 1		
	———— 1,000 acres ————		———— Tons ————			———— 1,000 tons ————	
Florida	387.0	392.0	36.0	36.7	36.7	13,939	14,386
Hawaii	22.2	17.2	62.3	72.2	72.2	1,382	1,242
Louisiana	425.0	415.0	32.2	31.0	31.0	13,685	12,865
Texas	39.7	52.0	35.9	33.0	33.0	1,426	1,716
U.S.	873.9	876.2	34.8	34.5	34.5	30,432	30,209

¹ Net tons.



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U.S. Sugarbeets:



Production of sugarbeets for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.3 million tons, up 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, down 19,000 acres from September and down 24,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 29.6 tons per acre, an increase of 0.7 ton from the previous forecast and 3.9 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. Record high yields are also expected in Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

By September 19, sugarbeet harvest was well underway and ahead of both last year and the average pace in Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota, but had yet to begin and was behind normal in Idaho. Nationally, producers had dug 30 percent of this year's sugarbeet crop by October 3, twelve percentage points ahead of last year and 10 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. ■

SUGARBEETS: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by State and United States, 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	———— 1,000 acres ————		————— Tons —————			———— 1,000 tons ————	
California	25.3	25.0	35.0	40.0	40.0	886	1,000
Colorado	35.0	27.8	27.5	28.0	28.0	963	778
Idaho	163.0	170.0	34.3	32.2	32.2	5,591	5,474
Michigan	136.0	147.0	24.4	29.0	29.0	3,318	4,263
Minnesota	449.0	416.0	23.7	28.0	29.0	10,641	12,064
Montana	33.6	42.6	29.8	30.9	30.9	1,001	1,316
Nebraska	52.6	47.5	24.6	22.0	22.0	1,294	1,045
North Dakota	218.0	208.0	22.0	28.0	29.5	4,796	6,136
Oregon	10.5	10.3	37.6	35.1	35.1	395	362
Wyoming	25.6	30.3	26.5	27.0	27.0	678	818
U.S.	1,148.6	1,124.5	25.7	28.9	29.6	29,563	33,256

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.