



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

U.S. sugarcane production for sugar and seed in 1998 is expected to total 31.2 million tons, down nearly 2 percent from 1997 and slightly below the September 1 estimate. The expected area for harvest dropped to 934,000 acres, 5,000 acres below the previous estimate but more than 2 percent above last year. The forecasted yield rose 0.1 tons from the September estimate to 33.4 tons per acre but 1.3 tons below 1997.

In Texas, increased abandonment due to the summer drought dropped acres for harvest by 14 percent from the September estimate. However, the production estimate only fell 6 percent due to higher yields on the remaining acres. Yields in the Gulf Coast States were expected to fall below 1997 due to the summer drought, while Hawaiian

growers expected yields to equal last year's. Harvest was expected to begin a week or more later than last year in some areas as processors were busy preparing mills for opening.

U.S. SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	1997	Indication 1998	1997	Indication 1998	1996	1997	Indication 1998
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	440.0	448.0	36.9	36.0	14,498	16,236	16,129
Hawaii	34.2	34.0	88.0	82.0	3,639	3,009	2,788
Louisiana	410.0	420.0	28.2	27.0	10,323	11,546	11,340
Texas	29.8	32.0	30.3	29.8	1,002	902	955
U.S.	914.0	934.0	34.7	33.4	29,462	31,693	31,212

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production is forecast at 31.5 million tons, 5 percent above the 1997 final production estimate and 1 percent above the September 1 estimate. If realized, production would be the second largest on record, exceeded only by the 31.9 million ton crop in 1994. Area to be harvested in the 12 sugarbeet-producing states was estimated at nearly 1.46 million acres, 28,900 acres above 1997 and 1,700 acres above the September estimate. Yield is estimated at 21.6 tons per acre, 0.2 ton above September 1 and 0.7 ton higher than 1997.

Yields were expected to be lower than earlier estimates in Michigan due to the excessively dry summer. Harvest started slowly in the northern Great Plains but, by October 1, cooler temperatures combined with dry weather improved harvest and stockpiling conditions. However, sucrose content was expected to be below average in most States due to above-average temperatures during most of the summer. In California, harvest continues after starting 3 to 4 weeks later than normal.

U.S. SUGARBEETS¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1997	Indication 1998	1997	Indication 1998	1996	1997	Indication 1998
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
California	99.0	101.0	30.0	29.0	2,419	2,970	2,929
Colorado	66.4	59.8	19.7	21.7	1,032	1,308	1,298
Idaho	197.0	203.0	26.4	25.3	4,563	5,210	5,136
Michigan	160.0	174.0	19.0	16.5	1,963	3,040	2,871
Minnesota	446.0	462.0	18.5	20.3	7,971	8,251	9,379
Montana	58.3	63.0	21.0	21.6	1,300	1,224	1,361
Nebraska	60.3	45.9	16.8	19.5	913	1,013	895
New Mexico	1.6		30.6		27	49	
North Dakota	227.5	240.0	18.5	20.5	4,213	4,205	4,920
Ohio	0.9	1.0	19.0	17.0	86	17	17
Oregon	17.4	17.5	28.4	24.4	416	494	427
Texas	15.0		18.0		242	270	
Washington	18.0	36.5	33.1	33.5	461	595	1,223
Wyoming	60.9	53.5	20.4	19.5	1,074	1,240	1,043
U.S.	1,428.3	1,457.2	20.9	21.6	26,680	29,886	31,499

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