



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production is forecast at a record high 37.6 million tons, 8 percent above the previous record of 34.7 million tons set last year. U.S. sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 987,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 1999 crop year, 4 percent more than last year's final harvested acres. The record high acreage is due to a 30,000 acre expansion in Louisiana and a 9,000 acre increase in Florida. Yield is forecast at 38.1 tons per acre, 1.5 tons above 1998.

In Florida, Hurricane Irene's strong winds blew some cane over and its heavy rains halted harvest long enough to stop grinding at some mills. Harvest proceeded rapidly in Louisiana, where a record high yield is expected due to ideal growing conditions, expanded acreage of a high yielding hybrid, and increased utilization of a more efficient harvester. In Hawaii, harvest was delayed by mid-month rains, but most of the crop had already been harvested.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 1997-98 and forecasted November 1, 1999

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	1998	Indication 1999	1998	Indication 1999	1997	1998	Indication 1999
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	447.0	456.0	40.1	39.0	16,236	17,925	17,800
Hawaii	32.5	35.0	86.1	84.0	3,009	2,798	2,941
Louisiana	435.0	465.0	29.7	34.0	11,562	12,920	15,810
Texas	32.6	31.2	32.6	33.5	902	1,064	1,045
U.S.	947.1	987.2	36.6	38.1	31,709	34,707	37,596

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production is forecast at a record high 33.4 million tons, 2 percent above the previous record in 1998. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing states expect to harvest 1,525,200 acres, 5 percent more than last year and the highest since 1,540,500 acres were harvested in 1969. The yield is forecast at 21.9 tons per acre, slightly below the 1998 yield of 22.5 tons. Compared with the previous forecast, increased abandonment in Minnesota and North Dakota was offset by less than expected abandonment in California. In addition to the reduction in acres harvested, Minnesota and North Dakota yields were also reduced. Due to the decreases in harvested acres and yields, combined production in the 2 largest beet-producing states dropped 4 percent from the October forecast. Favorable harvest weather prevailed across the northern Great Plains. In North Dakota, harvest was complete by mid-month, a record pace. Harvest was complete by the end of the month in Minnesota, well ahead of normal. Harvest also progressed ahead of normal in Idaho, Montana, and Nebraska, and approached completion as the month ended. Mild, dry weather also aided harvest efforts in California, but progress was delayed in Colorado, where temperatures were too warm for stockpiling. The Michigan beet harvest began near mid-month and was nearly complete by the end of the month.

SUGARBEETS: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 1997-98 and forecasted November 1, 1999¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	1998	Indication 1999	1998	Indication 1999	1997	1998	Indication 1999
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
California	100.0	110.0	28.3	31.0	2,970	2,830	3,410
Colorado	57.3	67.7	22.7	21.4	1,308	1,301	1,449
Idaho	203.0	210.0	27.1	24.2	5,210	5,501	5,082
Michigan	173.0	187.0	16.0	18.5	3,040	2,768	3,460
Minnesota	458.0	466.0	21.2	20.4	8,251	9,710	9,506
Montana	62.4	61.9	22.6	23.8	1,224	1,410	1,473
Nebraska	47.4	66.7	19.7	19.5	1,013	934	1,301
New Mexico ²					49		
North Dakota	242.6	251.0	22.2	20.5	4,205	5,386	5,146
Ohio	1.1	1.2	17.3	19.0	17	19	23
Oregon	17.7	19.7	26.6	25.3	494	471	498
Texas ²					270		
Washington	35.8	27.0	33.3	31.4	595	1,192	848
Wyoming	53.4	57.0	20.3	21.0	1,240	1,084	1,197
U.S.	1,451.7	1,525.2	22.5	21.9	29,886	32,606	33,393

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

² No acres planted in 1998 or 1999.