



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 is forecast at 30.4 million tons, fractionally above the October forecast but 10 percent below 2003. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 961,400 acres for sugar and seed during the 2004 crop year, virtually the same as October and 3 percent less than last year's final harvested area. Yield is forecast at 31.6 tons per acre, 0.1 ton above the previous forecast but 2.4 tons below the 2003 yield.

By the end of October, harvest had begun in the Lake Okeechobee area of Florida. Louisiana's crop was 32 percent harvested on October 31, four percentage points behind the 5-year average for that date. Texas' forecasted yield increased from 36.0 to 37.0 tons per acre, reflecting the ideal harvest conditions that Texas growers have enjoyed.

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

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	438.0	420.0	39.3	36.0	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	24.0	24.0	12,838	11,400
Texas	45.1	42.3	37.8	36.0	37.0	1,706	1,565
U.S.	994.4	961.4	34.0	31.5	31.6	33,857	30,350

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production for 2004 is forecast at 29.8 million tons, 3 percent above the October forecast but 3 percent below last year's production. The yield is forecast at 22.4 tons per acre, up 0.7 ton from October but 0.3 ton below 2003. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres, unchanged from last month but 2 percent below last year.

The sugarbeet harvest started slowly but advanced rapidly when the weather became cool enough for piling. As harvest continued across the Nation, growers in most areas realized higher yields than previously expected. By October 31, harvest was 90 percent complete in the 4 major producing States, 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Red River Valley growers were nearly finished harvesting, at 98 percent in Minnesota and 97 percent in North Dakota, slightly behind normal in both States.

SUGARBEETS: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2003 and forecasted November 1, 2004¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
California	50.2	49.0	36.5	38.0	39.0	1,832	1,911
Colorado	27.4	33.4	23.5	22.7	24.2	644	808
Idaho	207.0	192.0	29.2	27.1	27.5	6,044	5,280
Michigan	178.0	163.0	19.1	19.0	20.0	3,400	3,260
Minnesota	487.0	479.0	20.6	19.9	20.7	10,032	9,915
Montana	51.5	52.2	25.4	21.0	21.0	1,308	1,096
Nebraska	42.4	47.6	20.3	20.0	21.4	861	1,019
North Dakota	255.0	256.0	20.4	19.5	20.0	5,202	5,120
Ohio	1.9	1.6	24.2	21.5	21.5	46	34
Oregon	9.8	12.5	30.7	29.0	28.3	301	354
Washington	4.0	3.8	40.3	37.6	37.4	161	142
Wyoming	33.7	35.9	22.3	22.5	23.0	752	826
U.S.	1,347.9	1,326.0	22.7	21.7	22.4	30,583	29,765

¹Relates 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.