



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2005 is forecast at 27.0 million tons, 5 percent below the November forecast and 7 percent below 2004. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1980. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 922,900 acres for sugar and seed during the 2005 crop year, down 4 percent from November and 2 percent less than last year. Yield is forecast at 29.2 tons per acre, 0.5 ton below the previous forecast, 1.7 tons below the 2004 yield, and the lowest since 1933.

The production forecast for Florida continued to decline as the full impact of Hurricane Wilma was assessed. Producers are now expected to harvest 401,000 acres, 8 percent less than the November forecast and the fewest acres since 1985. The

reduced harvested acreage, along with an expected yield decline of 0.7 ton from the previous forecast, resulted in a 10 percent decrease from last month's production forecast. Meanwhile, acreage, yield, and production forecasts are unchanged for Louisiana. As of November 27, 56 percent of the acreage in Louisiana had been harvested, 9 percentage points behind normal.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State, 2004 and forecasted December 1, 2005

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	406.0	401.0	35.2	35.0	34.3	14,281	13,760
Hawaii	23.2	23.9	87.3	86.9	86.9	2,026	2,077
Louisiana	465.0	455.0	23.8	21.0	21.0	11,067	9,555
Texas	44.0	43.0	37.3	36.9	37.1	1,639	1,595
U.S.	938.2	922.9	30.9	29.7	29.2	29,013	26,987

¹ Net tons.