



HAWAII SUGARCANE

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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Production of sugarcane in 2006 is forecast at 29.9 million tons, of which 28.1 million tons is expected to be for sugar and 1.81 million tons for seed. Total production for sugar and seed is fractionally higher than the November forecast and 12 percent above the revised 2005 production. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 908,800 acres for sugar and seed during the 2006 crop year, unchanged from the previous forecast but 1 percent below last year. If realized, area harvested will be the smallest since 1996. Yield is forecast at 32.9 tons per acre, compared with the November forecast of 32.8 tons and last year's estimate of 28.9 tons.

The forecasts of area for harvest are unchanged from November in all four sugarcane producing States. For yield, Hawaii's and Louisiana's forecasts are unchanged from last month, but Florida's forecasted yield of 35.0 tons per acre is up 0.2 ton, while Texas' 38.8 tons per acre is down 0.1 ton. Compared to 2005, yield is up in all States, but particularly in Florida and Louisiana, where last year's crop suffered significant damage from hurricanes. Florida's yield is forecast at 10 percent above last year while in Louisiana, yield is expected to be 22 percent above 2005.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State, 2005 and forecasted December 1, 2006

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2005 ²	2006	2005 ²	2006		2005 ²	2006
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	401.0	405.0	31.8	34.8	35.0	12,746	14,178
Hawaii	23.5	22.3	77.3	79.0	79.0	1,816	1,762
Louisiana	455.0	435.0	22.9	28.0	28.0	10,420	12,180
Texas	42.4	46.5	38.3	38.9	38.8	1,624	1,804
U.S.	921.9	908.8	28.9	32.8	32.9	26,606	29,924

¹ Net tons.

² Revised.