



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2008 is forecast at 29.8 million tons, of which 28.4 million tons is expected to be for sugar and 1.45 million tons for seed. Total production for sugar and seed is down fractionally from the November forecast and the 2007 production. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 868,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 2008 crop year, unchanged from November but down 1 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 34.4 tons per acre, the same as last month but 0.3 ton above last year.

Harvested acreage of sugarcane for sugar and seed was down in Hawaii, Louisiana, and Texas when compared with last year, but up in Florida. Yields are forecasted higher than last year in

all sugarcane-producing States except Louisiana, where the effects of Hurricane Gustav contributed to a decrease in yield of 3.4 tons per acre from last year's yield.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2007 and forecasted December 1, 2008

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
				Oct 1	Nov 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
Florida	393.0	400.0	36.1	39.0	39.0	14,177	15,586
Hawaii	22.9	22.0	68.3	75.8	75.8	1,564	1,668
Louisiana	420.0	405.0	30.4	27.0	27.0	12,768	10,935
Texas	43.7	41.5	33.4	39.8	39.8	1,460	1,652
U.S.	879.6	868.5	34.1	34.4	34.4	29,969	29,841

¹ Net tons.