

U.S. Sugarcane:



Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 29.4 million tons, up fractionally from the November 1 forecast but down 3 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 876,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, unchanged from last month but up 2,300 acres from last year. In Texas, area harvested for sugar and seed is expected to total 52,000 acres. If realized, this will be a record high for the State. Conversely, producers in Hawaii are expected to harvest 17,200 acres for sugar and seed and if realized, will be a record low for the State. Expected yield is forecast at 33.5 tons per acre, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but down 1.3 tons from 2009.

In Louisiana, sugarcane harvest was advancing ahead of both last year and the 5-year average pace. Elsewhere, sugarcane harvest remained active in the Florida Everglades under mostly ideal weather conditions. ■

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by State and United States, 2009 and Forecasted December 1, 2010

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹			Production ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----			----- 1,000 tons -----	
For sugar:							
Florida	370.0	374.0	35.9	NA	36.7	13,283	13,726
Hawaii	20.3	15.7	65.6	NA	76.3	1,332	1,198
Louisiana	390.0	380.0	32.2	NA	29.0	12,558	11,020
Texas	36.7	49.0	36.0	NA	33.0	1,321	1,617
U.S.	817.0	818.7	34.9	NA	33.7	28,494	27,561
For seed:							
Florida	17.0	18.0	38.6	NA	37.2	656	670
Hawaii	1.9	1.5	26.3	NA	30.0	50	45
Louisiana	35.0	35.0	32.2	NA	29.0	1,127	1,015
Texas	3.0	3.0	35.0	NA	33.0	105	99
U.S.	56.9	57.5	34.1	NA	31.8	1,938	1,829
For sugar & seed:							
Florida	387.0	392.0	36.0	36.7	36.7	13,939	14,396
Hawaii	22.2	17.2	62.3	72.2	72.3	1,382	1,243
Louisiana	425.0	415.0	32.2	29.0	29.0	13,685	12,035
Texas	39.7	52.0	35.9	33.0	33.0	1,426	1,716
U.S.	873.9	876.2	34.8	33.5	33.5	30,432	29,390

¹ Net tons. NA = Not available.

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