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Harvested acreage expected to decline in coming months

Variable weather conditions were generally fair for crop development during March. The National Weather Service reports that March was largely absent of trade winds which allowed local land and sea breezes to dominate. Most of March's rains fell on the northern and central islands with the most significant rain episode occurring at the end of the month when a Kona low dumped heavy showers on west-facing sides of the islands. Hardest hit was Kauai where minor flooding was reported. Although farming activities were slowed, no agricultural losses were reported. At the other end of the island chain, Hawaii island experienced the third driest March on record. Crops dependent on natural rainfall were being stressed in some areas of the Big Island.

Most of the selected vegetables will show a decrease in harvested acreage during March. Double-digit percentage declines in harvested acreage are expected for **head cabbage** (-14%), **head lettuce** (-17%), **dry onions** (-10%), and **romaine** (-14%).

In May, harvested acreage will decline further for many of the cool-weather crops such as **Chinese cabbage** (-30%), **head cabbage** (-14%), **head lettuce** (-60%), and **romaine** (-33%). **Mustard cabbage** (-25%) and **dry onions** (-39%) are two other vegetables expected to show a double-digit percentage decline next month. ■

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Year-ago, month-ago, current,
and upcoming harvested
acreage.

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Production statistics and
comments on selected crops.



Acreage

Acres planted, harvested, and for harvest for 11 selected
vegetables, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Acres for harvest	
	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	May 2003
Beans, snap	14	13	17	14	14	13
Cabbage, Chinese	31	27	33	28	27	19
Cabbage, head	43	41	48	50	43	37
Cabbage, mustard	12	12	10	12	12	9
Corn, sweet	75	83	69	82	77	77
Cucumbers	37	38	40	42	40	38
Lettuce, head	5	5	8	6	5	2
Lettuce, semi-head	4	4	4	4	4	4
Onions, dry	37	25	17	63	57	35
Onions, green	13	11	14	13	12	11
Romaine	15	11	12	14	12	8

Harvested acreage charts

Acres harvested a year ago
 Acres harvested last month
 Acres intended for harvest

Acres



