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U.S. Sugarcane Production Up 3 Percent from Previous Year

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2011 is estimated at 28.3 million tons, of which 26.7 million tons was utilized for sugar and 1.57 million tons for seed. Total production for sugar and seed is down 1 percent from the December 1 forecast but up 3 percent from 2010. Sugarcane producers harvested 873,000 acres for sugar and seed in 2011, down 1 percent from the December forecast and less than one percent from last year. Yield for sugar and seed is estimated at 32.4 tons per acre, up 0.1 tons from the December forecast and up 1.2 tons from 2010.

In Louisiana, growers experienced dry weather conditions during July and August, but received enough late rainfall to achieve average yields. Drought conditions were also prevalent in Texas and on the Hawaiian island of Maui. In Florida, rainfall during November delayed harvest which continued through December. ■

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SUGARCANE: Area Harvested and Yield, States and United States, 2009-2011

State	Area harvested			Yield per acre ¹		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 acres			Tons		
For sugar						
Florida	370.0	374.0	378.0	35.9	32.7	34.6
Hawaii	20.3	15.5	15.5	65.6	77.1	82.0
Louisiana	390.0	390.0	385.0	32.2	27.8	28.0
Texas	36.7	45.8	47.0	36.0	30.5	33.5
United States	817.0	825.3	825.5	34.9	31.1	32.4
For seed						
Florida	17.0	18.0	19.0	38.6	41.2	39.9
Hawaii	1.9	1.9	1.5	26.3	26.3	30.0
Louisiana	35.0	30.0	25.0	32.2	27.8	28.0
Texas	3.0	2.3	2.0	35.0	31.0	35.5
United States	56.9	52.2	47.5	34.1	32.5	33.1
For sugar and seed						
Florida	387.0	392.0	397.0	36.0	33.1	34.9
Hawaii	22.2	17.4	17.0	62.3	71.6	77.4
Louisiana	425.0	420.0	410.0	32.2	27.8	28.0
Texas	39.7	48.1	49.0	35.9	30.5	33.6
United States	873.9	877.5	873.0	34.8	31.2	32.4

¹ Net tons.

**SUGARCANE: Production,
States and United States, 2009-2011**

State	Production ¹		
	2009	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 tons</i>		
For sugar			
Florida	13,283	12,230	13,079
Hawaii	1,332	1,195	1,271
Louisiana	12,558	10,842	10,780
Texas	1,321	1,396	1,575
United States	28,494	25,663	26,705
For seed			
Florida	656	742	758
Hawaii	50	50	45
Louisiana	1,127	834	700
Texas	105	71	71
United States	1,938	1,697	1,574
For sugar and seed			
Florida	13,939	12,972	13,837
Hawaii	1,382	1,245	1,316
Louisiana	13,685	11,676	11,480
Texas	1,426	1,467	1,646
United States	30,432	27,360	28,279

¹ Net tons.



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U.S. SUGARBEETS:



Production for 2011 is estimated at 28.8 million tons, down fractionally from the November 1 forecast and 10 percent below last year. Growers in the 10 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.23 million acres and harvested 1.21 million acres, both up 5 percent from last year. Estimated yield, at 23.7 tons per acre, is 0.2 ton below the November forecast and 4 tons below last year.

A cool and wet spring delayed planting in much of the growing region. In addition to the unfavorable spring planting conditions, Minnesota, which accounts for 31 percent of the total United States production, also experienced limited moisture later in the growing season which reduced the crop's yield potential. Idaho growers saw lower abandonment this season due to favorable weather during the later planting. Following the poor spring weather, most States saw improved growing conditions as the season progressed. ■

SUGARBEETS: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production, States and United States, 2009-2011 ¹

State	Area planted			Area harvested		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 acres</i>			<i>Tons</i>		
California ²	25.3	25.6	25.1	25.2	25.5	25.1
Colorado	35.1	28.9	29.4	35.0	27.9	28.7
Idaho	164.0	171.0	176.0	163.0	170.0	176.0
Michigan	138.0	147.0	153.0	136.0	147.0	153.0
Minnesota	464.0	449.0	479.0	449.0	441.0	469.0
Montana	38.4	42.6	45.0	33.6	42.5	43.0
Nebraska	53.0	50.0	52.2	52.6	47.5	51.5
North Dakota	225.0	217.0	231.0	218.0	214.0	225.0
Oregon	10.6	10.3	10.9	10.5	10.3	10.8
Wyoming	32.4	30.5	31.2	25.6	30.4	31.0
United States	1,185.8	1,171.9	1,232.8	1,148.5	1,156.1	1,213.1

State	Yield per acre			Production		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	<i>Tons</i>			<i>1,000 tons</i>		
California ²	43.9	44.6	43.0	1,106	1,137	1,079
Colorado	27.5	29.5	28.5	963	823	818
Idaho	34.3	31.0	34.5	5,591	5,270	6,072
Michigan	24.4	26.0	24.0	3,318	3,822	3,672
Minnesota	23.7	26.6	19.0	10,641	11,731	8,911
Montana	29.8	29.5	25.8	1,001	1,254	1,109
Nebraska	24.6	23.8	25.0	1,294	1,131	1,288
North Dakota	22.0	26.5	20.5	4,796	5,671	4,613
Oregon	37.6	36.3	35.8	395	374	387
Wyoming	26.5	27.0	27.1	678	821	840
United States	25.9	27.7	23.7	29,783	32,034	28,789

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except California. ² Relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California.

HOGS: Inventory down 8 Percent from 2010



The Hawaii inventory of total hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011, at 11,500 head, was down 1,000 or 8 percent from 2010. This will set a new record low if this preliminary estimate is not revised next year or during Census of Agriculture revisions based on the 2012 Census of Agriculture findings. Inventory breakdowns show breeding hogs totaled 2,500, down 17 percent from the 2010 inventory. The 2011 market hog herd at 9,000 was down 5 percent from the previous year.

The 2011 (December 2010 through November 2011) pig crop totaled 18,500, down 5 percent from 2010. Pig crop for the December through May time period was down 600 head while the June through November time frame was down 400 from 2010.

Sows farrowed during the period of June-November of 2011 at 1,200 head was down 200 or 14 percent from the same six months of the previous year. Sows farrowed during the time period of December 2010 to May 2011 was unchanged from the same time period the previous year.

Special Note:

Starting in 2008, the market hogs and pigs weight groups were changed. The market weight group under 60 pounds was changed to under 50 pounds. The market weight group 60 to 119 pounds were changed to 50 to 119 pounds. The remaining two market hog weight groups remain unchanged. The changes align USDA-NASS market hogs and pigs weight groups more closely with international trade data and allow for a more uniform analysis of the North American hog inventory. ■

HOGS AND PIGS: December 1 Inventory by Classes and Weight, State of Hawaii, 2007-2011

Year	All hogs and pigs	Breeding	Market				
			Total	Under 50 lbs. ¹	50 - 119 lbs. ²	120 - 179 lbs.	180 lbs. and over
<i>1,000 head</i>							
2007	15.0	3.6	11.4	5.8	2.7	1.8	1.1
2008	13.0	2.8	10.2	3.8	3.3	1.9	1.2
2009	13.0	2.9	10.1	3.9	3.2	1.7	1.3
2010	12.5	3.0	9.5	4.0	2.8	1.7	1.0
2011	11.5	2.5	9.0	4.3	2.3	1.5	0.9

¹ Prior to 2008, "Under 50 lbs." was "Under 60 lbs." ² Prior to 2008, "50 - 119 lbs." was "60 - 119 lbs."

FARROWINGS: Number of Sows, Pig Crop, and Pigs per Litter, State of Hawaii, 2007-2012

Year	Sows farrowing		Pig crop		Pigs per litter	
	December – May ¹	June – November	December – May ¹	June – November	December – May ¹	June – November
<i>1,000 head</i>						
2007	1.6	1.6	12.0	12.0	7.5	7.4
2008	1.4	1.4	10.0	10.0	7.2	7.5
2009	1.3	1.3	9.0	10.0	7.3	7.5
2010	1.3	1.4	9.5	10.0	7.5	7.5
2011	1.3	1.2	8.9	9.6	7.5	7.5
2012 ²	1.3					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowings December 2011 – May 2012.

Top 20 commodities, State of Hawaii, 2009-2010¹

Commodity ²	Rank		Value of production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	— Number —		— 1,000 dollars —	
Seed crops	1	1	236,410	247,220
Sugarcane (unprocessed)	2	2	44,200	69,800
Coffee	3	3	31,320	33,440
Cattle	5	4	28,945	32,985
Macadamia nuts	4	5	29,400	30,000
Algae	6	6	16,995	16,726
Papayas	7	7	14,186	11,123
Bananas	8	8	10,175	10,680
Eggs	9	9	8,759	8,760
Milk	10	10	7,491	8,750
Potatoes, sweet	12	11	5,413	6,510
Basil	11	12	6,810	5,540
Palms, potted	13	13	5,126	3,755
Hogs	16	14	2,996	3,661
Lettuce	32	15	748	3,629
Dendrobiums, potted	14	16	3,577	3,556
Anthuriums, cut	15	17	3,120	3,397
Cabbage, head	17	18	2,976	3,107
Dracaena, potted	18	19	2,516	2,683
Taro	19	20	2,440	2,516

¹ Pineapples, watermelons, and tomatoes not ranked due to disclosure of individual operations. ² Floriculture categories include only growers with total sales of \$10,000 or more.

Farm values, State of Hawaii, 1991-2010

Year	Sugar (unprocessed cane)	Pineapples (fresh equivalent)	Diversified agriculture ¹	Total ²
	1,000 dollars			
1991	174,900	107,775	268,707	551,382
1992	153,700	102,100	264,427	520,227
1993	163,000	79,850	271,094	513,944
1994	160,100	78,890	273,826	512,816
1995	127,700	87,360	291,632	506,692
1996	108,100	95,914	307,329	511,343
1997	85,500	91,721	327,484	504,705
1998	87,300	92,776	329,886	509,962
1999	86,800	101,448	342,846	531,094
2000	62,200	101,530	358,170	521,900
2001	57,800	96,337	370,241	524,378
2002	64,300	100,616	374,602	539,518
2003	64,400	101,470	382,253	548,123
2004	61,500	83,104	407,453	552,057
2005	58,900	79,288	444,597	582,785
2006	50,200	73,652	455,738	579,590
2007	47,600	³	³	577,999
2008	44,200	³	³	605,570
2009	44,200	³	³	641,850
2010	69,800	3	3	689,633

¹ Aquaculture included beginning 1993. ² Includes all agricultural commodities. ³ Pineapples and diversified agriculture not shown separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Diversified agriculture ranked by value, State of Hawaii, 2009-2010

Commodity	Rank		Value of production			Percent of diversified agriculture ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	Year-to-year percent change	2009	2010
	— Number —		— 1,000 dollars —		— Percent —		
Seed crops	1	1	236,410	247,220	+5	46.4	46.8
Flowers and nursery products	2	2	76,814	75,610	-2	15.1	14.3
Coffee	4	3	31,320	33,440	+7	6.1	6.3
Cattle	6	4	28,945	32,985	+14	5.7	6.2
Macadamia nuts	5	5	29,400	30,000	+2	5.8	5.7
Aquaculture	3	6	32,330	29,970	-7	6.3	5.7
Vegetables and melons ²	8	7	19,930	24,939	+25	3.9	4.7
Fruits (excluding pineapples)	7	8	25,373	22,531	-11	5.0	4.3
Herbs	9	9	9,897	10,806	+9	1.9	2.0
Eggs	10	10	8,759	8,760	0	1.7	1.7
Milk	11	11	7,491	8,750	+17	1.5	1.6
Hogs	12	12	2,996	3,661	+22	.6	.7
Total			³ 509,665	³ 528,672		100.0	100.0

¹ Percentages are of displayed items only. ² Includes ginger root and herbs. Beginning 2007, non-published vegetable commodities not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations, but included in total farm value. ³ Data not shown separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations but included in total farm value.