



Pacific Region Field Crop Review

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MARCH 1, 2014 PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

California's March intentions estimates were based on a survey of more than 2,500 California farmers. The survey was conducted March 1-15, but referred to farmers' intentions on **March 1**. Therefore, the impact of weather or market conditions since that date is not reflected in this report.

COTTON: On March 1, California farmers were intending to plant 60,000 acres of Upland cotton in 2014, down 35 percent from the acreage seeded in 2013. In addition, growers were expecting to seed 135,000 acres of American Pima cotton in 2014, down 28 percent from last year. **Nationally**, Upland area is expected to total 10.9 million acres, up 7 percent from 2013. American Pima area is expected to total 158,000 acres, down 21 percent from 2013.

CORN: **California** farmers were expecting to plant 430,000 acres of corn for all purposes in 2014, a 28 percent decrease from last year. **Nevada** farmers were to plant 5,000 acres of corn in 2014, 2,000 acres less than last year. **U.S.** corn growers intend to plant 91.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. If realized, this will represent the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010; however, this will represent the fifth largest corn acreage in the United States since 1944.

OATS: On March 1, farmers in **California** had planted or were expecting to plant 180,000 acres of oats, unchanged from 2013. Record low acreage is expected in California. **Nationally**, area seeded to oats for the 2014 crop year is expected to total 2.79 million acres, down 7 percent from 2013. If realized, this will be the third lowest United States total on record.

WHEAT: In **California**, acreage seeded to Winter wheat is forecast at 520,000 acres, 15 percent below last year. Another 65,000 acres have been seeded to Durum wheat, 13 percent below the amount planted in 2013. In **Nevada**, acreage seeded to Winter wheat is forecast at 15,000 acres, 25 percent below 2013. At the **U.S.** level, the 2014 Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 42.0 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013 but up slightly from the *Winter Wheat Seedings* report. The intended Durum

planted area for 2014 is estimated at 1.80 million acres, up 22 percent from the previous year.

RICE: **California** farmers intended to seed rice on 450,000 acres, 20 percent below the acreage seeded in 2013. The expressed intentions were to seed 420,000 acres of medium grain varieties, 18 percent below last year. The long grain rice acreage forecast is 5,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last season. The short grain rice planted acreage forecast is 25,000 acres, down 44 percent from last season. Short grain and all rice forecasts include the intended plantings of sweet rice. **Nationally**, Area planted to rice in 2014 is expected to total 2.88 million acres, up 16 percent from 2013. Lower prices for competing commodities are contributing to the expected increase in rice acres compared with last year. With California experiencing a severe drought, medium and short grain acres are expected to decline by 18 and 44 percent, respectively from 2013. The expected increase in medium grain acres in Arkansas is helping to offset some of the expected acreage decline in California.

BARLEY: On March 1, **California** farmers had planted or intended to plant 95,000 acres of barley, up 6 percent from the previous year. **U.S.** producers intend to seed 3.17 million acres of barley for the 2014 crop year, down 9 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the third smallest seeded area on record.

SUGARBEETS: **California** producers have planted or intend to plant 24,500 acres of sugarbeets, unchanged from the acreage seeded in 2013. **Nationally**, area planted to sugarbeets for the 2014 crop year is estimated at 1.15 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. Planted area is below the previous year in four of the ten estimating States.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS: On March 1, seeding of dry edible beans was planned for 45,000 acres in **California**, down 10 percent from last year. **Nationally**, growers intend to plant 1.69 million acres in 2014, up 24 percent from last year.

ALL HAY: **California** producers intend to harvest hay from 1.45 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. In **Nevada**, 300,000 acres of all types of hay are expected to be harvested in 2014, down 13 percent from last year. **U.S.** producers intend to harvest 58.3 million acres of all hay in 2014, up slightly from 2013.

SWEET POTATOES: **California** farmers were expecting to plant 19,000 acres of sweet potatoes in 2014, unchanged from last year. **Nationally**, planted area of sweet potatoes is estimated at 126,300 acres, up 9 percent from the previous year.

PACIFIC REGION FIELD CROPS

Crop	2012	2013	Indicated 2014	2014 2013
	1,000 Acres			Percent
Wheat, Winter 1/				
California	610	610	520	85
Nevada	20	20	15	75
U.S.	41,224	43,090	42,007	97
Wheat, Durum 2/				
California 3/	140	75	65	87
U.S.	2,153	1,470	1,799	122
Oats 1/ 2/				
California	230	180	180	100
U.S.	2,760	3,010	2,794	93
Barley 1/ 2/				
California	120	90	95	106
U.S.	3,637	3,480	3,165	91
Corn, All 2/				
California	610	600	430	72
Nevada	8	7	5	71
U.S.	97,155	95,365	91,691	96
Rice 2/				
California:				
All	562	566	450	80
Long	6	6	5	83
Medium	500	515	420	82
Short 4/	56	45	25	56
U.S.:				
All	2,700	2,489	2,877	116
Long	1,994	1,781	2,227	125
Medium	649	662	624	94
Short	57	46	26	57
Cotton, Upland 2/				
California	142.0	93.0	60.0	65
U.S.	12,076.0	10,206.0	10,943.0	107
Cotton, Amer.-Pima 2/				
California	225.0	187.0	135.0	72
U.S.	238.4	201.0	158.0	79
Beans, Dry Edible 2/ 5/				
California	58.5	50.0	45.0	90
U.S.	1,742.5	1,354.7	1,686.0	124
Sugarbeets 6/				
California 7/	24.5	24.5	24.5	100
U.S. 8/	1,230.1	1,198.1	1,154.6	96
Hay, All 2/ 9/				
California	1,550	1,440	1,450	101
Nevada	415	345	300	87
U.S.	56,260	58,257	58,267	100
Sweet Potatoes 2/				
California	18.0	19.0	19.0	100
U.S.	130.5	115.7	126.3	109

1/ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

2/ Intended plantings in 2014 as indicated by reports from farmers.

3/ Includes area planted in preceding fall in California.

4/ Includes sweet rice.

5/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed.

6/ Intended plantings in 2014 as indicated by reports from processors.

7/ 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.

8/ Relates to year of intended harvest in all states, except California.

9/ Area harvested.

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP PRICES – MARCH 2014

Mid-March prices received by California farmers increased from February for alfalfa hay and other hay, and were unchanged for fall potatoes. There was insufficient data to

publish a price for wheat, barley, spring potatoes and upland cotton lint.

U.S. PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 111 percent, based on 2011=100, increased 5 points (4.7 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 2 points (2.2 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 6 points (5.0 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, hogs, corn, and cattle and lower prices for market eggs, grapefruit, and sunflowers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, milk, and calves offset the decreased marketing of cotton, soybeans, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 1 point (0.9 percent) from March 2013. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, increased 5 points (4.3 percent) from last month and increased 12 points (11 percent) from March 2013.

The March All Crops Index, at 95, increased 2.2 percent from February but is 15 percent below March 2013. The index

increase for oilseeds & grains more than offset the index decrease for fruit & tree nut production.

The March Food Grains Index, at 103, is 6.2 percent above the previous month but 3.7 percent below a year ago. The March price for all wheat, at \$6.90 per bushel, is up 41 cents from February but 89 cents below March 2013.

The March Feed Grains Index, at 76, is up 4.1 percent from last month but 36 percent below a year ago. The corn price, at \$4.54 per bushel, is up 19 cents from last month but \$2.59 below March 2013. Sorghum grain, at \$8.18 per cwt, is 53 cents above February but \$4.02 below March last year.

The March Other Crops Index, at 98, is up 2.1 percent from last month but 3.9 percent below March 2013. The all hay price, at up \$173 per ton, is up \$5.00 from February but \$22.00 lower than last March. The price for upland cotton, at 80.3 cents per pound, is up 1.3 cents from February and 2.8 cents above last March.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		March 2013	February 2014	Mar 15, 2014	March 2013	February 2014	Mar 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Corn 2/	Tons	---	---	---	254.64	155.36	162.14
Wheat 2/	Tons	273.67	243.00	(D)	259.67	216.33	230.00
Oats 2/	Tons	---	---	---	262.50	235.63	248.13
Barley 2/	Tons	(S)	(D)	(S)	270.42	245.83	248.75
Sorghum Grain 2/	Cwt	---	---	---	12.20	7.65	8.18
Rice 2/	Cwt	---	---	---	15.20	16.50	17.50
Dry Edible Beans 2/	Cwt	54.80	(D)	75.00	37.60	38.80	39.90
All Potatoes 5/	Cwt	6.60	9.35	9.35	8.72	9.28	9.47
Spring	Cwt	(S)	(S)	(S)	---	---	---
Fall	Cwt	6.60	9.35	9.35	---	---	---
Upland Cotton Lint 2/	Lbs	(D)	(D)	(D)	0.775	0.790	0.803
Cottonseed	Tons	(NA)	(S)	(NA)	(NA)	227.00	(NA)

(D) Not published to avoid possible disclosure of operations.

(S) Insufficient data to establish a price.

(NA) Not Available.

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers. They are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Monthly average.

INDEX NUMBER OF PRICES RECEIVED AND PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, UNITED STATES

Index	2011 Base		
	Mar 2013	Feb 2014	Mar 2014
Agricultural Production	110	106	111
Crop Production	112	93	95
Grains and oilseed	116	86	89
Feed grain	119	73	76
Food grain	107	97	103
Oilseed	116	104	108
Other crop	102	96	98
Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities,			
Services, Interest, Taxes and Wage Rates 1/	106	107	107
Parity Ratio 2/	104	99	104

1/ All production indexes as of 15th of month.

2/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates.

GRAIN STOCKS

On March 1, 2014 **California** wheat stocks in all positions totaled 305,190 tons, 33 percent above a year earlier. Off-farm corn stocks on March 1 were 207,032 tons, 10 percent below 2013. Oats totaled 1,456 tons in California off-farm storage facilities as of March 1. Off-farm sorghum and barley stocks numbers were withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. wheat stocks in all positions were 15 percent lower than a year earlier as of March 1, 2014. Barley stocks were up 4 percent, but oat stocks were down 33 percent, respectively. U.S. corn stocks in all positions totaled 196 million tons, and sorghum grain stocks totaled 4.83 million tons.

GRAIN STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

(Includes stocks under support and government owned grain.)

Grain and Position	March 1, 2013	Dec. 1, 2013	March 1, 2014
	Tons		
ALL WHEAT			
California			
On-Farm	15,000	42,000	36,000
Off-Farm 1/	<u>214,020</u>	<u>383,820</u>	<u>269,190</u>
Total	229,020	425,820	305,190
U.S. Total	37,044,900	44,245,530	31,665,930
BARLEY			
California			
Off-Farm 1/ 2/	18,432	19,464	(D)
U.S. Total	2,809,848	4,065,672	2,916,264
OATS			
California			
Off Farm 1/ 2/	1,888	2,080	1,456
U.S. Total	842,016	768,704	562,096
CORN			
California			
Off-Farm 1/ 2/	231,168	241,556	207,032
U.S. Total	108,094,000	114,030,896	196,166,096
SORGHUM GRAIN			
California			
Off-Farm 1/ 2/	4,872	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	2,562,980	5,556,348	4,830,756

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

2/ California on-farm stocks and total stocks are included in United States totals.

OFF-FARM RICE STOCKS

Stocks of milled rice stored in **California** mills and warehouses on March 1, 2014 totaled 2.72 million cwt. This was 23 percent above the 2.22 million cwt stored a year earlier. Whole kernels accounted for 57 percent of the total milled rice in storage. **Nationally**, milled rice stocks in all positions totaled 5.84 million cwt, down 12 percent from a year ago. Milled rice stocks were comprised of 4.01 million cwt of whole kernel rice and 1.83 million cwt of second heads, screenings, and brewers rice.

California rough rice stocks in all positions totaled 27.8 million cwt on March 1, 2014. This was 4 percent above the stocks on hand a year earlier. **Nationally**, rough rice in all positions on March 1 totaled 88.9 million cwt, down 15 percent from the total on March 1, 2013.

CALIFORNIA ROUGH RICE STOCKS

Month	Season		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
	1,000 Cwt		
December 1	39,767	38,607	41,414
March 1	26,571	26,631	27,817
June 1	13,103	(NA)	---
August 1	7,149	8,182	---
October 1	2,480	2,926	---

ROUGH AND MILLED RICE STOCKS IN ALL POSITIONS

Type of Rice	CALIFORNIA		UNITED STATES	
	March 1		March 1	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Cwt			
ROUGH RICE				
Long Grain	(D)	(D)	69,313	56,125
Medium Grain	23,845	25,113	32,558	30,481
Short Grain	(D)	(D)	2,398	2,348
TOTAL ROUGH RICE	26,631	27,817	104,269	88,954
MILLED RICE				
Whole Kernels (Head Rice)				
Long Grain	(D)	(D)	3,144	2,379
Medium Grain	599	1,490	772	1,584
Short Grain	(D)	(D)	64	48
Total	663	1,541	3,980	4,011
Broken Kernels				
Second Heads	(D)	(D)	1,225	1,064
Screenings 1/	---	---	271	118
Brewers	(D)	(D)	1,189	651
Total	1,554	1,175	2,685	1,833
TOTAL MILLED RICE	2,217	2,716	6,665	5,844

D/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

1/ Screenings included with second heads in California.

POTATO STOCKS

California fall potato stocks were estimated at 800,000 cwt as of April 1, 2014. Stocks represented 20 percent of the 2013 fall production.

The 13 major potato States held 112 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2014, down 3 percent from 2 years ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 29 percent of the 2013 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from 2 years earlier.

Potato disappearance, at 278 million cwt, was 4 percent above April 1, 2012. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 21.4 million cwt, was down 7 percent from the same date in 2011.

Processors in the 9 major States used 16.7 million cwt of potatoes during the month of March, down 3 percent from the previous year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 3.60 million cwt of the total processing, down 11 percent from last year.

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND APRIL 1 STOCKS 1/

State	Crop of 2012			Crop of 2013		
	Production	Total Stocks Apr. 1, 2013	Percent of Production	Production	Total Stocks Apr. 1, 2014	Percent of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,901	(NA)	(X)	4,026	800	20
Colorado	19,980	(NA)	(X)	20,279	6,600	33
Idaho	141,820	(NA)	(X)	131,131	45,000	34
Maine	15,675	(NA)	(X)	15,660	4,400	28
Michigan	15,925	(NA)	(X)	17,160	2,100	12
Minnesota	18,800	(NA)	(X)	18,000	5,000	28
Montana	3,744	(NA)	(X)	3,386	1,800	53
Nebraska	10,369	(NA)	(X)	8,418	2,200	26
New York	4,703	(NA)	(X)	4,752	650	14
North Dakota	25,200	(NA)	(X)	22,620	6,500	29
Oregon	22,935	(NA)	(X)	21,582	7,600	35
Washington	95,940	(NA)	(X)	96,000	23,500	24
Wisconsin	29,440	(NA)	(X)	27,280	6,000	22
13-State Total	408,432	(NA)	(X)	390,294	112,150	29
Klamath Basin 2/	(NA)	(NA)	(X)	(NA)	1,800	(X)

(NA) Not available

(X) Not applicable

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2013 totaled 25.8 million cwt

2/ Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Included in the 13 State totals.

HAY PRICES 1/

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			Other Hay		
		March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	220.00	205.00	215.00	200.00	205.00	210.00
California 2/	Tons	205.00	227.00	230.00	183.00	193.00	200.00
Idaho	Tons	210.00	200.00	195.00	150.00	170.00	170.00
Nevada	Tons	203.00	213.00	229.00	186.00	187.00	217.00
Oregon	Tons	227.00	210.00	225.00	177.00	160.00	180.00
Utah	Tons	175.00	180.00	175.00	142.00	145.00	140.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	219.00	188.00	191.00	152.00	129.00	137.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.