

OATS and BARLEY



Planting of 2009 small grains in Maine began during the first week of May, slightly behind normal due to daily rain showers. Cool, dry conditions followed and planting was 90 percent complete by the end of May, compared with 65 percent last year and normal. Small grain harvest was delayed in some areas due to above average rainfall during June and July, however conditions improved by the end of August. Oat and barley harvests were complete by mid-September, well ahead of last year and normal. According to crop specialists, both oat and barley crops were rated in good to fair condition throughout the season.

Oats harvested for grain totaled 2.02 million bushels in

2009, on par with the previous year due to the lack of change in harvested acreage and yield. Oat growers harvested 31,000 acres for grain and yields averaged 65 bushels per acre. Oat price per bushel fell 60 cents to \$1.70 in 2009, which placed the value of production at \$3.43 million.

Barley production totaled 825,000 bushels in 2009, 21 percent below 2008 output due to fewer acres harvested. Growers harvested 15,000 acres of barley for grain in 2009, a 4,000 acre reduction from the previous year. Barley yields averaged 55 bushels per acre in 2009, unchanged from 2008. Barley price per bushel fell 80 cents to \$2.75 in 2009, which placed the value of production at \$2.27 million.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 – 2009 ¹

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
2000	28	26	70	1,820	0.90	1,638
2001	31	29	75	2,175	1.10	2,393
2002	28	27	85	2,295	1.45	3,328
2003	27	26	78	2,028	1.10	2,231
2004	34	32	80	2,560	1.20	3,072
2005	32	28	70	1,960	1.19	2,332
2006	29	28	55	1,540	1.38	2,125
2007	29	28	70	1,960	2.25	4,410
2008	32	31	65	2,015	2.30	4,635
2009	32	31	65	2,015	1.70	3,426

¹ Standard weight for one bushel of oats is 32 pounds.

BARLEY: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 – 2009 ¹

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
2000	26	25	70	1,750	1.45	2,538
2001	28	27	70	1,890	1.50	2,835
2002	28	27	80	2,160	1.70	3,672
2003	28	27	65	1,755	1.30	2,282
2004	23	22	60	1,320	1.58	2,086
2005	23	22	60	1,320	1.90	2,508
2006	18	17	50	850	1.85	1,573
2007	18	17	65	1,105	2.94	3,249
2008	20	19	55	1,045	3.55	3,710
2009	16	15	55	825	2.75	2,269

¹ Standard weight for one bushel of barley is 48 pounds.