

**OATS and BARLEY**

Oat and barley growers in Maine planted over three fourths of their small grain crops by May 12, almost two weeks ahead of schedule due to the early start of spring. Wet weather during the second half of May slowed planting progress to 95 percent complete by month's end. The barley crop was 90 percent emerged by June 2, compared with 85 percent in 2012 and normal of 65 percent. The oat crop was 80 percent emerged by June 2 compared with 85 percent in 2012 and the 5-year average of 65 percent.

The oat and barley harvests began in mid-August, about a week behind schedule. The barley harvest progress advanced at a moderate pace during August and was 55 percent complete by September 1, compared with 90 percent last year and the 5-year average of 55 percent. The oat harvest also advanced at moderate pace during

August and was 30 percent complete by September 1 compared to 75 percent last year and normal of 45 percent. Crop specialists rated Maine's oat and barley crops in fair to good condition through the growing season.

Oats harvested for grain totaled 27,000 acres in 2013, down 1,000 acres from 2012. Oat yields averaged 67 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from last year. Production totaled 1.809 million bushels, 1 percent below 2012.

Maine growers harvested 17,000 acres of barley for grain in 2013, up 1,000 acres from 2012. Barley yields averaged 53 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels per acre from the 2012. Production totaled, at 901,000 bushels, 6 percent below 2012.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, 2004 – 2013**

| State and Year | Area                     |                     | Yield per Acre | Grain Production | Price per Bushel <sup>1</sup> | Value of Production |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
|                | Planted for All Purposes | Harvested for Grain |                |                  |                               |                     |
|                | 1,000 Acres              |                     | Bushels        | 1,000 Bushels    | Dollars                       | 1,000 Dollars       |
| <b>Maine</b>   |                          |                     |                |                  |                               |                     |
| 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            | 1.54                          | 3,103               |
| 2010           | 31                       | 30                  | 65             | 1,950            | 1.60                          | 3,120               |
| 2011           | 28                       | 26                  | 45             | 1,170            | 2.40                          | 2,808               |
| 2012           | 29                       | 28                  | 65             | 1,820            | 3.00                          | 5,460               |
| 2013           | 28                       | 27                  | 67             | 1,809            | 2.45                          | 4,432               |

<sup>1</sup> Standard weight for one bushel of oats is 32 pounds.

**BARLEY: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, 2004 – 2013**

| State and Year | Area                     |                     | Yield per Acre | Grain Production | Price per Bushel <sup>1</sup> | Value of Production |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
|                | Planted for All Purposes | Harvested for Grain |                |                  |                               |                     |
|                | 1,000 Acres              |                     | Bushels        | 1,000 Bushels    | Dollars                       | 1,000 Dollars       |
| <b>Maine</b>   |                          |                     |                |                  |                               |                     |
| 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              | 2.45                          | 2,021               |
| 2010           | 16                       | 15                  | 60             | 900              | 2.50                          | 2,250               |
| 2011           | 16                       | 14                  | 35             | 490              | 3.70                          | 1,813               |
| 2012           | 17                       | 16                  | 60             | 960              | 4.25                          | 4,080               |
| 2013           | 20                       | 17                  | 53             | 901              | 4.15                          | 3,739               |

<sup>1</sup> Standard weight for one bushel of barley is 48 pounds.