

OATS and BARLEY

Farmers began planting small grains ahead of schedule due to warm, dry weather during most of April and May. On May 16, barley was 85 percent planted and oats was 80 percent planted compared to the 5-year average of 35 percent. The crops emerged by mid-June and harvest was underway as early as the beginning of August. Weather conditions were unusually dry throughout the month, allowing non-stop harvest. By September 1, barley and oat harvests had advanced to 75 percent and 65 percent cut, respectively, both well ahead of average. Precipitation was abundant during September due to Hurricane Earl and frequent mid-month showers. However, the small grain harvest was finished by late September, ahead of the normal pace. Crop specialists rated oats and barley in good to excellent condition throughout most of the growing season.

Oats harvested for grain totaled 1.95 million bushels in 2010, a decrease of 65,000 bushels from last year due to fewer acres harvested. Growers harvested 30,000 acres of oats for grain in 2010, and oat yields averaged 65 bushels per acre. The average price received for a bushel of oats rose 16 cents to \$1.70 in 2010, which placed the value of production at \$3.32 million.

Growers harvested 15,000 acres of barley for grain in 2010, on par with the previous year. Barley production totaled 900,000 bushels in 2010, nine percent above 2009 output due to improved yields. Grain yields averaged 60 bushels per acre in 2010, compared with 55 bushels per acre in 2009. The average barley price rose 30 cents to \$2.75 per bushel in 2010, which placed the value of production at \$2.48 million.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2001– 2010

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel ¹	Value of Production
	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
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	1.54	3,103
2010	31	30	65	1,950	1.70	3,315

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

BARLEY: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2001 – 2010

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel ¹	Value of Production
	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
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	2.45	2,021
2010	16	15	60	900	2.75	2,475

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