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## Maine Oat and Barley Production Down, USDA Reports

**CONCORD, NH** --- Maine oat production totaled 1.39 million bushels in 2020, down 4% from the 2019 total of 1.44 million bushels, according to Pam Hird, state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New England Field Office. Yield was estimated at 63.0 bushels per acre, down 13.0 bushels from the previous year. Area harvested, at 22 thousand acres, was 16% above last year's 19 thousand acres.

Barley production was estimated at 756 thousand bushels, down 34% from the 2019 total of 1.15 million bushels. The average yield, at 54.0 bushels per acre, was down 28.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 15 thousand acres in 2020, unchanged from 2019. Harvested area remained the same at 14 thousand acres.

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