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Maine Oat and Barley Production Up, USDA Reports

CONCORD, NH --- Maine oat production totaled 1.48 million bushels in 2021, up 7% from the 2020 total of 1.39 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 78 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from the previous year. Area harvested, at 19 thousand acres, was 14% below last year's 22 thousand acres.

Barley production was estimated at 820 thousand bushels, up 8% from the 2020 total of 756 thousand bushels. The average yield, at 82 bushels per acre, was up 28 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 12 thousand acres in 2021, down 20% from 2020. Harvested acres was down 29% at 10 thousand acres.

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