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## Oat and barley production drops in Maine, USDA reports

**HARRISBURG, PA** --- Maine oat production totaled 1.30 million bushels in 2023, down 37% from the 2022 total of 2.06 million bushels, according to King Whetstone, director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeast Regional Field Office. Yield was estimated at 62.0 bushels per acre, down 24.0 bushels from the previous year. Area harvested, at 21 thousand acres, was 13% below last year's 24 thousand acres.

Barley production was estimated at 405 thousand bushels, down 38% from the 2022 total of 650 thousand bushels. The average yield, at 45.0 bushels per acre, was down 20.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 11 thousand acres in 2023, unchanged from 2022. Harvested acres was estimated at 9 thousand acres.

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