

OATS

Maine oat production totaled 2.3 million bushels in 2001, up 11 percent from the previous year's output and the largest crop harvested in the State since 1989. Oat yields averaged 75 bushels per acre in 2001, up five bushels per acre from the 2000 crop yield average. Grain value fell two percent short of the previous year; a 10 cent reduction in the average price received per bushel offset the increase in production. The value of the 2001 grain crop was placed at \$1.86 million compared with \$1.89 million a year earlier.

Dry spring conditions allowed growers to have the crop seeded slightly ahead of normal in 2001. Hot, dry conditions continued throughout August and early September, providing excellent harvest conditions for the bulk of the crop. Grain harvest advanced to 90 percent combined by mid-September, compared with the previous 5-year average of 65 percent harvested. Maine's harvest season came to a close in mid-October, with very good quality reported.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1992 - 2001

STATE and YEAR	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels ^{1/}	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
1992	27	25	85	2,125	1.05	2,231
1993	33	25	75	1,875	1.05	1,969
1994	25	22	70	1,540	1.02	1,571
1995	29	26	60	1,560	1.34	2,090
1996	31	28	75	2,100	1.57	3,297
1997	26	23	73	1,679	1.20	2,015
1998	25	24	73	1,752	.97	1,699
1999	30	27	80	2,160	.90	1,944
2000	32	30	70	2,100	.90	1,890
2001	33	31	75	2,325	.80	1,860

^{1/} Standard weight used for one bushel of oats is 32 pounds.

BARLEY

Maine growers harvested 1.8 million bushels of barley in 2001, an increase of eight percent from 2000 total production. Barley yields averaged 70 bushels per acre in 2001, unchanged from the previous year's average yield. The value of the 2001 crop was placed at \$2.55 million, up five percent from the 2000 total value mostly due to the increase in acres harvested.

As with oats, Maine growers completed planting slightly ahead of normal in 2001 due to the dry spring weather. Dry conditions at harvest allowed barley combining to proceed at a fast pace. Close to 95 percent of the grain was harvested by mid-September, compared with the previous 5-year average of 70 percent harvested.

BARLEY: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 - 2001^{1/}

STATE and YEAR	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels ^{2/}	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine						
2000	25	24	70	1,680	1.45	2,436
2001	27	26	70	1,820	1.40	2,548

^{1/} Estimates began in 2000.

^{2/} Standard weight used for one bushel of barley is 48 pounds.

