

OATS

Maine's oats production totaled 2.4 million bushels in 2004, up 18 percent from the previous year, and the highest output on record since 1989. Oat yields averaged 75 bushels per acre in 2004, down three bushels from the 2003 average. Grain prices per bushel increased 10 cents to \$1.20 that year. Increased output and prices received for oats placed value of production \$2.88 million in 2004, up 29 percent from a year earlier.

Maine oats were seeded early, and by mid-June emergence had neared completion. Stands remained in good to excellent condition until the arrival of heavy rains and humidity in mid-August. Wet fields and high moisture content of the grain forced harvest to proceed slowly. The last of the oats were combined by early October, on schedule as normal.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1995 - 2004

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						
1995	29	26	60	1560	1.34	2090
1996	31	28	75	2,100	1.57	3,297
1997	26	23	73	1,679	1.2	2,015
1998	24	23	73	1,679	0.97	1,629
1999	30	27	80	2,160	0.9	1,944
2000	28	26	70	1,820	0.9	1,638
2001	31	29	75	2,175	1.1	2,393
2002	28	27	85	2,295	1.45	3,328
2003	27	26	78	2,028	1.1	2,231
2004	34	32	75	2,400	1.2	2,880

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

BARLEY

Maine growers harvested 1.4 million bushels of barley in 2004, a decrease of 19 percent from 2003, and 33 percent below total production in 2002. Barley yields averaged 65 bushels per acre in 2004, unchanged from a year earlier and down 15 bushels per acre from 2002. The value of the 2004 crop was placed at \$2.0 million, down 12 percent from previous year.

As with oats, excessive moisture in August reduced barley yields. The high moisture content from heavy rains late in the season slowed harvest progress. The last of the barley was combined by early October, on schedule with normal.

BARLEY: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 - 2004 ^{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	26	25	70	1,750	1.45	2,538
2001	28	27	70	1,890	1.5	2,835
2002	28	27	80	2,160	1.7	3,672
2003	28	27	65	1,755	1.3	2,282
2004	23	22	65	1,430	1.4	2,002

^{1/} Estimates began in 2000.

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

