

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE REPORT

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California growers planted more acreage to *rice*, *American Pima cotton*, *dry edible beans*, and *sugar beets*. Planting of *corn*, *Upland cotton*, *oats*, and *Durum wheat* decreased. The following crop acreage estimates were compiled from survey data referencing June 1, 1999.

BARLEY: In California, an estimated 170,000 acres were seeded to *barley* for all purposes this year, equal to 1998. A total of 130,000 acres is expected to be harvested for grain, up 4% from last year.

CORN: As of June 1, total planted acreage of *corn* for all purposes is estimated at 550,000 acres, 11% below last year. California farmers expected to harvest 235,000 acres of corn for grain in 1999, a 10% decrease from 1998.

COTTON: California's cotton growers planted 620,000 acres of *Upland cotton* and a record 260,000 acres of *American Pima* cotton in 1999. *Upland* acreage is down 5% from 1998, while *American Pima* acreage is up 30% from 1998. Total cotton planting is up 4% from last year.

DRY BEANS: An estimated 155,000 acres in California were seeded to *dry edible beans* for the 1999 season, a 41% increase from last year's total.

HAY: On June 1, California growers expected to harvest *alfalfa* from 1.03 million acres in 1999. This is up 1% from 1998's harvested acreage. The estimate for *all other hay* to be harvested is 540,000 acres, down 2% from last year's total.

OATS: *Oats* were seeded on 275,000 acres for 1999, down 14% from 1998's total acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 25,000 acres, 17% below 1998.

RICE: California's *rice* seeded acreage is estimated at a record 570,000 acres, 19% above last year's 480,000. The acreage planted to *long grain rice* totaled 5,000, down 45% from last year; *medium grain*, 515,000, up 18%; and *short grain*, 50,000, up 39% from 1998.

SUGAR BEETS: California has 112,000 acres planted to *sugar beets*, 10% above last year's total planted acreage.

WHEAT: California's *winter wheat* seeded acreage is 500,000 acres, equal to last year. The 370,000 acres for grain harvest are 3% below last year. California's *Durum wheat* planted acreage is estimated at 90,000 acres, down 50% from the 180,000 acres seeded last year. The 85,000 acres for grain harvest are down 51% from last year.

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Crop	Acres Planted	Percent Change
Barley	170,000	n/c
Corn	550,000	-11
Cotton,		
Upland	620,000	-5
Pima	260,000	+30
Dry Beans	155,000	+41
Oats	275,000	-14
Rice	570,000	+19
Sugar Beets	112,000	+10
Wheat,		
Winter	500,000	n/c
Durum	90,000	-50
	Acres Harvested	
Hay,		
Alfalfa	1,030,000	+1
Other	540,000	-2