

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE

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The California Agricultural Statistics Service today released acreage estimates for 2002, showing the following changes from the 2001 acreage:

Cotton -- California's cotton growers planted 460,000 acres of *Upland cotton* and 230,000 acres of *American Pima cotton* in 2002. Upland acreage is down 27% from 2001 to the lowest acreage planted in California since 1946. American Pima acreage is down 4% from 2001. Total cotton planting is down 21% from last year.

Corn -- As of June 1, total planted acreage of *corn* for all purposes is estimated at 520,000 acres, 8% above last year. California farmers expected to harvest 140,000 acres of corn for grain in 2002, down 12% from 2001.

Oats -- *Oats* were seeded on 270,000 acres for 2002, up 4% from the 2001 total acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 30,000 acres, up 100% from 2001.

Wheat -- California's *winter wheat* seeded acreage is 480,000 acres, down 9% from 2001. The 310,000 acres for grain harvest are 18% below last year. California's *Durum wheat* planted acreage is estimated at 95,000 acres, up 12% from last year. The 90,000 acres for grain harvest are up 11% from 2001.

Rice -- California's *rice* seeded acreage is estimated at 510,000 acres, 8% above last year. The acreage planted to *long grain* rice totaled 8,000, 38% below 2001; *medium grain*, 470,000, up 8%; and *short grain*, 32,000, up 28% from 2001.

Barley -- In California, an estimated 110,000 acres were seeded to *barley* for all purposes this year, down 31% from 2001. A total of 75,000 acres is expected to be harvested for grain, down 32% from last year.

Sugar Beets -- California has 50,000 acres planted to *sugar beets*, 7% above last year's total planted acreage.

Dry Edible Beans -- An estimated 100,000 acres in California were seeded to *dry edible beans* for the 2002 season, a 9% increase from last year's total.

All Hay -- On June 1, California growers expected to harvest 1.66 million acres of *all hay* in 2002, up 8% from 2001. Of the total, *alfalfa* is expected to be harvested from 1.16 million acres, up 15% from last year and the State's largest acreage since 1973. *All other hay* is estimated to be harvested on 500,000 acres, down 6% from last year's total.