

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE

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The California Agricultural Statistics Service today released acreage estimates for 2003, showing the following changes from the 2002 acreage:

Cotton -- California's cotton growers planted 550,000 acres of *Upland cotton* and 150,000 acres of *American Pima cotton* in 2003. Upland acreage is up 15% from 2002, which was the lowest acreage planted in California since 1946. American Pima acreage is down 29% from 2002. Total cotton planting is up 1% from last year.

Corn -- As of June 1, total planted acreage of *corn* for all purposes is estimated at 500,000 acres, 8% below last year. California farmers expected to harvest 110,000 acres of corn for grain in 2003, down 26% from 2002.

Oats -- *Oats* were seeded on 250,000 acres for 2003, down 4% from the 2002 total acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 30,000 acres, up 11% from 2002.

Wheat -- California's *winter wheat* seeded acreage is 630,000 acres, up 19% from 2002. The 400,000 acres for grain harvest are 33% above last year. California's *Durum wheat* planted acreage is estimated at 120,000 acres, up 26% from last year. The 115,000 acres for grain harvest are up 28% from 2002.

Rice -- California's *rice* seeded acreage is estimated at 470,000 acres, 12% below last year. The acreage planted to *long grain* rice totaled 8,000, 14% above 2002; *medium grain*, 440,000, down 12%; and *short grain*, 22,000, down 15% from 2002.

Barley -- In California, an estimated 100,000 acres were seeded to *barley* for all purposes this year, down 23% from 2002. A total of 58,000 acres is expected to be harvested for grain, down 23% from last year.

Sugar Beets -- California growers have planted and intend to plant 50,200 acres to *sugar beets*, unchanged from last year's total planted acreage.

Dry Edible Beans -- An estimated 80,000 acres in California were seeded to *dry edible beans* for the 2003 season, a 13% decrease from last year's total.

All Hay -- On June 1, California growers expected to harvest 1.56 million acres of *all hay* in 2003, down 5% from 2002. Of the total, *alfalfa* is expected to be harvested from 1.09 million acres, down 4% from last year. *All other hay* is estimated to be harvested on 470,000 acres, down 6% from last year's total.