

CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE

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California Agricultural Statistics Service today released field crop acreage estimates for 2004, showing the following changes from the 2003 acreage:

Cotton -- California's cotton growers planted 560,000 acres of *Upland cotton* and 220,000 acres of *American Pima cotton* in 2004. Upland acreage is up 2% and American Pima acreage is up 47% from 2003. Total cotton planting is up 11% from last year.

Corn -- As of June 1, total planted acreage of *corn* for all purposes is estimated at 580,000 acres, an increase of 12% from last year. California farmers expected to harvest 190,000 acres of corn for grain in 2004, up 12% from 2003.

Oats -- *Oats* were seeded on 260,000 acres for 2004, unchanged from last year. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 30,000 acres, down 14% from 2003.

Wheat -- California's seeded *winter wheat* acreage is 550,000 acres, down 19% from 2003. The 300,000 acres for grain harvest are 19% below last year. California's *Durum wheat* planted acreage is estimated at 120,000 acres, down 8% from last year. The 110,000 acres for grain harvest are down 4% from 2003.

Rice -- California's seeded *rice* acreage is estimated at 618,000 acres, 21% above last year. The acreage planted to *long grain* rice totaled 7,000, unchanged from 2003. Planted acres of *medium grain* rice increased 24% from last year to 570,000, while acres planted to *short grain rice* decreased 2% from 2003 to 41,000 acres.

Barley -- In California, an estimated 130,000 acres were seeded to *barley* for all purposes this year, up 30% from 2003. A total of 80,000 acres is expected to be harvested for grain, up 38% from last year.

Sugar Beets -- California growers have planted and intend to plant 49,500 acres to *sugar beets*, down 3% from last year's total planted acreage.

Dry Edible Beans -- An estimated 73,000 acres in California were seeded to *dry edible beans* for the 2004 season, a 5% decrease from last year's total.

All Hay -- On June 1, California growers expected to harvest 1.54 million acres of *all hay* in 2004, down 2% from 2003. Of the total, *alfalfa* is expected to be harvested from 1.05 million acres, down 4% from last year. *All other hay* is estimated to be harvested on 490,000 acres, up 2% from last year's total.

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