

# California Farm News



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## CALIFORNIA FIELD CROP ACREAGE REPORT

**SACRAMENTO** -- The USDA, NASS, California Field Office today released the field crop acreage estimates for 2006, showing the following changes from the 2005 acreage.

**COTTON:** California's cotton growers planted 310 thousand acres of Upland cotton and 290 thousand acres of American Pima cotton in 2006. Upland acreage is down 28 percent, while American Pima acreage is up 26 percent from 2005. Upland planted acreage is at its lowest level since 1944, while Pima planted acreage is a record high.

**CORN:** As of June 1, the total planted acreage of corn for all purposes is estimated at 540 thousand, unchanged from last year. Of these acres, California farmers expected to harvest 100 thousand acres for grain in 2006, down 9 percent from 2005. This is the lowest corn for grain acreage since 1954. Most of California's corn crop is used for silage.

**OATS:** Oats were seeded on 270 thousand acres for 2006, unchanged from last year's acreage. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain totaled 24.0 thousand acres, 20 percent above 2005.

**WHEAT:** California's Durum wheat planted acreage is estimated at 80.0 thousand acres, 7 percent above last year. The 75.0 thousand acres for grain harvest are up 9 percent from 2005. California's acreage seeded to Wheat other than Durum totaled 450 thousand acres, down 9 percent from 2005.

**RICE:** California's seeded rice acreage is estimated at 526 thousand acres, down slightly from last year. The acreage planted to long grain rice totaled 10.0 thousand acres, an 11 percent increase from 2005. Planted acreage of medium grain rice is unchanged from last year at 465 thousand acres, while acreage planted to short grain rice decreased 6 percent from 2005 to 51.0 thousand acres.

**BARLEY:** In California, an estimated 90.0 thousand acres were seeded to barley for all purposes this year, down 9 percent from 2005. A total of 55.0 thousand acres is expected to be harvested for grain, 8 percent below last year.

**SUGAR BEETS:** California growers have planted and intend to plant 43.7 thousand acres to sugar beets, down 2 percent from last year's total planted acreage.

**DRY EDIBLE BEANS:** An estimated 60.0 thousand acres in California were seeded to dry edible beans for the 2006 season, down 9 percent from last year's total.

**SAFFLOWER:** California safflower growers planted 75.0 thousand acres in 2006. Safflower acreage is up 47 percent from last year's total.

**ALL HAY:** On June 1, California growers expected to harvest 1.60 million acres of all hay in 2006, up 3 percent from 2005. Of the total, alfalfa is expected to be harvested from 1.06 million acres, 6 percent above last year. All other hay is estimated to be harvested on 540 thousand acres, down 2 percent from last year's total.

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