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## Maine oats sets record yield, USDA reports

**CONCORD, NH** --- Maine oat production totaled 2.06 million bushels in 2022, up 39% from the 2021 total of 1.48 million bushels, according to King Whetstone, director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Northeast Regional Field Office. Yield was estimated at 86.0 bushels per acre, up 8.0 bushels from the previous year and the highest yield on record since 85.0 bushels per acre set in 2002 and 1992. Area harvested, at 24 thousand acres, was 26% above last year's 19 thousand acres.

Barley production was estimated at 650 thousand bushels, down 21% from the 2021 total of 820 thousand bushels. The average yield, at 65.0 bushels per acre, was down 17.0 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 11 thousand acres in 2022, down 8% from 2021. Harvested acres was unchanged at 10 thousand acres.

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