

**2012 U.S. SUNFLOWER PRODUCTION**

Crop Yield and Production - United States: 2011-2012 (Metric Units)  
 [Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2012 crop year]

Crop	Yield per hectare		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
	metric tons			
Sunflower	1.57	1.70	924,550	1,263,570

Sunflower Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type - States and United States: 2010-2012

Varietal type and State	Area planted			Area harvested		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	1,000 acres					
Oil						
California	27.0	40.0	48.0	27.0	39.5	47.5
Colorado	95.0	110.0	75.0	92.0	97.0	61.0
Kansas	110.0	115.0	70.0	105.0	105.0	65.0
Minnesota	55.0	28.0	38.0	51.0	27.0	37.0
Nebraska	25.0	38.0	33.0	24.0	35.0	29.5
North Dakota	700.0	510.0	770.0	685.0	500.0	755.0
Oklahoma	11.0	4.5	4.0	10.5	3.9	3.8
South Dakota	410.0	415.0	580.0	400.0	403.0	560.0
Texas	30.0	29.0	40.0	28.0	23.0	33.0
United States	1,463.0	1,289.5	1,658.0	1,422.5	1,233.4	1,591.8
Non-oil						
California	7.0	4.0	2.8	7.0	4.0	2.8
Colorado	37.0	18.0	11.0	35.0	16.0	9.0
Kansas	29.0	19.0	17.0	28.0	17.0	16.0
Minnesota	33.0	12.0	11.0	31.0	10.0	10.5
Nebraska	37.0	21.0	8.5	34.0	19.0	7.3
North Dakota	185.0	70.0	90.0	177.0	61.0	88.0
Oklahoma	1.5	0.5	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.6
South Dakota	100.0	70.0	65.0	95.0	64.0	63.0
Texas	59.0	39.0	55.0	43.0	33.0	52.0
United States	488.5	253.5	261.0	451.3	224.4	249.2
All						
California	34.0	44.0	50.8	34.0	43.5	50.3
Colorado	132.0	128.0	86.0	127.0	113.0	70.0
Kansas	139.0	134.0	87.0	133.0	122.0	81.0
Minnesota	88.0	40.0	49.0	82.0	37.0	47.5
Nebraska	62.0	59.0	41.5	58.0	54.0	36.8
North Dakota	885.0	580.0	860.0	862.0	561.0	843.0
Oklahoma	12.5	5.0	4.7	11.8	4.3	4.4
South Dakota	510.0	485.0	645.0	495.0	467.0	623.0
Texas	89.0	68.0	95.0	71.0	56.0	85.0
United States	1,951.5	1,543.0	1,919.0	1,873.8	1,457.8	1,841.0

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Sunflower Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Type - States and United States: 2010-2012 (continued)

Varietal type and State	Yield per acre			Production		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
	pounds			1,000 pounds		
Oil						
California .....	1,150	1,000	1,300	31,050	39,500	61,750
Colorado .....	1,350	1,000	680	124,200	97,000	41,480
Kansas .....	1,380	1,180	900	144,900	123,900	58,500
Minnesota .....	1,500	1,300	1,700	76,500	35,100	62,900
Nebraska .....	1,350	1,300	700	32,400	45,500	20,650
North Dakota ...	1,460	1,380	1,750	1,000,100	690,000	1,321,250
Oklahoma .....	1,500	1,250	1,100	15,750	4,875	4,180
South Dakota ...	1,540	1,650	1,410	616,000	664,950	789,600
Texas .....	1,200	950	1,200	33,600	21,850	39,600
United States ..	1,458	1,397	1,508	2,074,500	1,722,675	2,399,910
Non-oil						
California .....	1,350	1,200	1,200	9,450	4,800	3,360
Colorado .....	1,250	1,700	1,520	43,750	27,200	13,680
Kansas .....	1,470	1,500	1,700	41,160	25,500	27,200
Minnesota .....	1,300	1,100	1,950	40,300	11,000	20,475
Nebraska .....	1,500	1,600	900	51,000	30,400	6,570
North Dakota ...	1,440	1,250	1,580	254,880	76,250	139,040
Oklahoma .....	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,430	400	600
South Dakota ...	1,650	1,750	1,620	156,750	112,000	102,060
Texas .....	1,450	850	1,400	62,350	28,050	72,800
United States ..	1,465	1,406	1,548	661,070	315,600	385,785
All						
California .....	1,191	1,018	1,294	40,500	44,300	65,110
Colorado .....	1,322	1,099	788	167,950	124,200	55,160
Kansas .....	1,399	1,225	1,058	186,060	149,400	85,700
Minnesota .....	1,424	1,246	1,755	116,800	46,100	83,375
Nebraska .....	1,438	1,406	740	83,400	75,900	27,220
North Dakota ...	1,456	1,366	1,732	1,254,980	766,250	1,460,290
Oklahoma .....	1,456	1,227	1,086	17,180	5,275	4,780
South Dakota ...	1,561	1,664	1,431	772,750	776,950	891,660
Texas .....	1,351	891	1,322	95,950	49,900	112,400
United States ..	1,460	1,398	1,513	2,735,570	2,038,275	2,785,695

Sunflower: The 2012 sunflower production totaled 2.79 billion pounds, up 37 percent from 2011. The United States average yield per acre increased 115 pounds from last year to 1,513 pounds. Planted area, at 1.92 million acres, is 24 percent above last year, but is the third lowest since 1990. Area harvested increased 26 percent from last year to 1.84 million acres.

Production in North Dakota, the leading sunflower-producing State, is estimated at 1.46 billion pounds, up 91 percent from 2011. The yield in North Dakota, at a record high 1,732 pounds per acre, is up 366 pounds from 2011. Compared with last year, planted area in North Dakota increased 48 percent and harvested area increased 50 percent. The average yield in Nebraska, at 740 pounds per acre, is down over 660 pounds from last year due to drought conditions this year and is the second lowest on record. Extremely dry weather

also hampered yields in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. Meanwhile, much better growing conditions were prevalent this year in Minnesota where the average yield of 1,755 pounds per acre is the third highest on record.

United States production of oil-type sunflower varieties, at 2.40 billion pounds, increased 39 percent from 2011. Compared with last year, harvested acres are up 29 percent and the average yield increased by 111 pounds, to 1,508 pounds per acre.

Production of non-oil sunflower varieties, at 386 million pounds, increased 22 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 249,200 acres, is up 11 percent from 2011 but is the second lowest since 1987. The average yield increased by 142 pounds from last year to a record high 1,548 pounds per acre.

Harvest of sunflowers began in late September and by the end of the month progress was ahead of normal in Kansas, North Dakota, and South Dakota but lagged behind normal in Colorado. Conditions remained generally favorable through October, allowing harvest in the four States to progress ahead of the 5-year average with the exception of Colorado. By October 28, harvest was 82 percent complete in the four major States, compared with the 5-year average of 42 percent. Harvest was nearly complete by November 18, as progress reached 97 percent in the four major States, 1 percentage point ahead of last year and 11 percentage points ahead of normal for that date.

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