



SUGARBEETS 2011 CROP



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Dear Sugarbeet Processor:

The data requested on this form are used to prepare official estimates of sugarbeet acreage, yield, production and sucrose content at county, State and national levels. At the end of the season, State and national average prices are published. Under Title 7 of the U.S. Code and CIPSEA (Public Law 107-347), facts about your operation are kept **confidential** and used only for statistical purposes. Response is **voluntary**. However, cooperation is extremely important in compiling accurate, reliable statistics on sugarbeets.

The same form is used three times a year as follows:

DECEMBER – The first use of this form in December provides basic data for the sugarbeet estimates in the Annual Crop Production Summary in mid-January. County totals are optional in December. However, if preliminary county totals are available, it is helpful to have the data. The following estimates are published from the December inquiry: State and U.S. acreage, yield and production.

APRIL – This form is used in April, after much of the processing has been completed. County data are used at this time to compile official county estimates on acreage, yield, production and average sucrose. Updated acreage, yield and production statistics for each State are also published in the June Crop Production report.

NOVEMBER - In November, all data reported in April are returned for your review and update. At that time, the prices paid to growers are also requested. Price per ton and value of production by State are published for the first time. All previously published acreage, yield and production data will be reviewed and updated at this time.

Your efforts and cooperation in providing these data are greatly appreciated.

Please make corrections to name, address and Zip Code, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS

The 2011 sugarbeet crop includes sugarbeets planted in the spring of 2011 whether they are harvested in 2011 or the following spring.

1. Please report for each factory separately.
2. Include acreage of both processors and producers.
3. Acreage and production should be allocated to States and counties in which the beets are actually grown.
4. If final data are not available, please report approximate totals.
5. For factories not operating, please return the form with the notation "not operating".
6. If there are changes in acreage, yield and production data reported earlier, enter the revised data on this form if space permits or attach a separate form.

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