the MINT REPORT 2015

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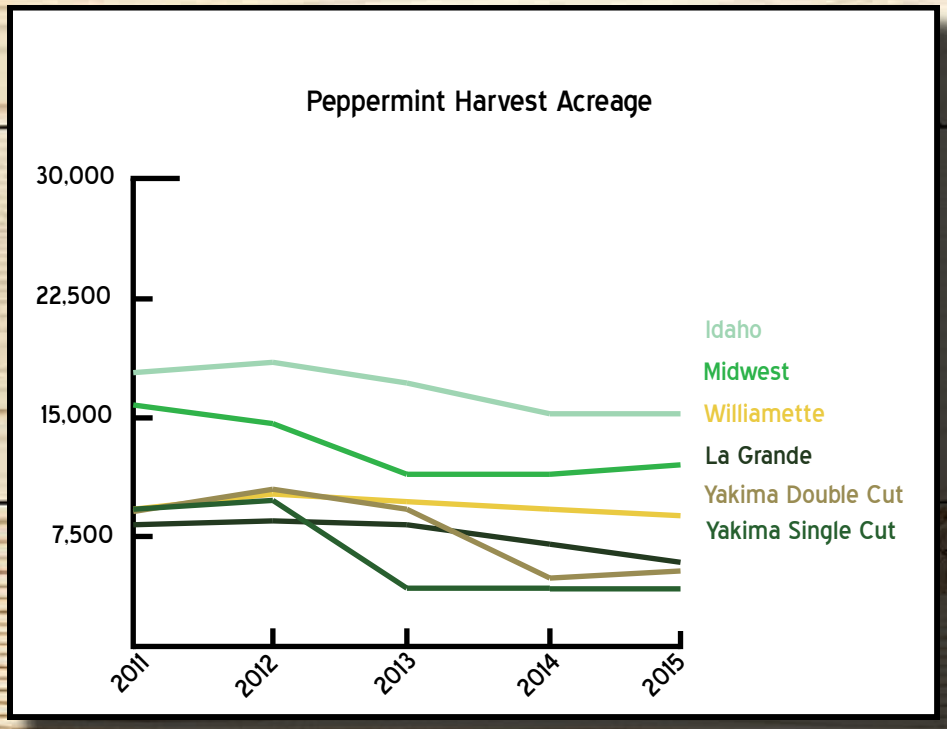
IN 1908, Morris Brown traded his produce for peppermint oil for the first time. He didn't realize then that over 100 years later, he and his family would take The Lebermuth Company all over the world to find the best mint possible. Now, with partnerships in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the world, Lebermuth works directly with the farmers to continue its long established comittment to excellence.

Peppermint

USA Peppermint

Water was the prime concern for farmers this year, as it has been in years past. Precipitation in 2015 was below normal and temperatures were slightly higher than normal, causing growers some anxiety in both the Far West region and Idaho/Eastern Oregon. However, water supplies met the needs and yields were not greatly effected by the water concerns. Because the higher summer temperatures arrived early in most growing regions, some oil profiles changed slightly, including Yakima Double Cut. Typically, this oil is known for its low menthofuran content. Because of the temperature changes, the levels were higher than normal, which will cause demand to grow among other regions for a lower menthofuran product. The higher temperatures also caused plants to mature too early. Some fields were even abandoned. As a whole, the demand for mint is declining, but is believed to level out in time.



Peppermint Harvest Acreage (in 1,000s)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Idaho	18.3	19.8	17.4	15.7	15.8
Midwest	16	14.4	11.2	12.1	12.9
Williamette	9.3	10.2	9.8	9.5	8.9
La Grande	8.4	8.8	8	7.3	6.7
Yakima Double Cut	9.3	10.4	9.7	5.7	6
Yakima Single Cut	9.7	9.1	4.5	4.9	4.8
Total Peppermint	71	72.7	60.6	55.2	55.1

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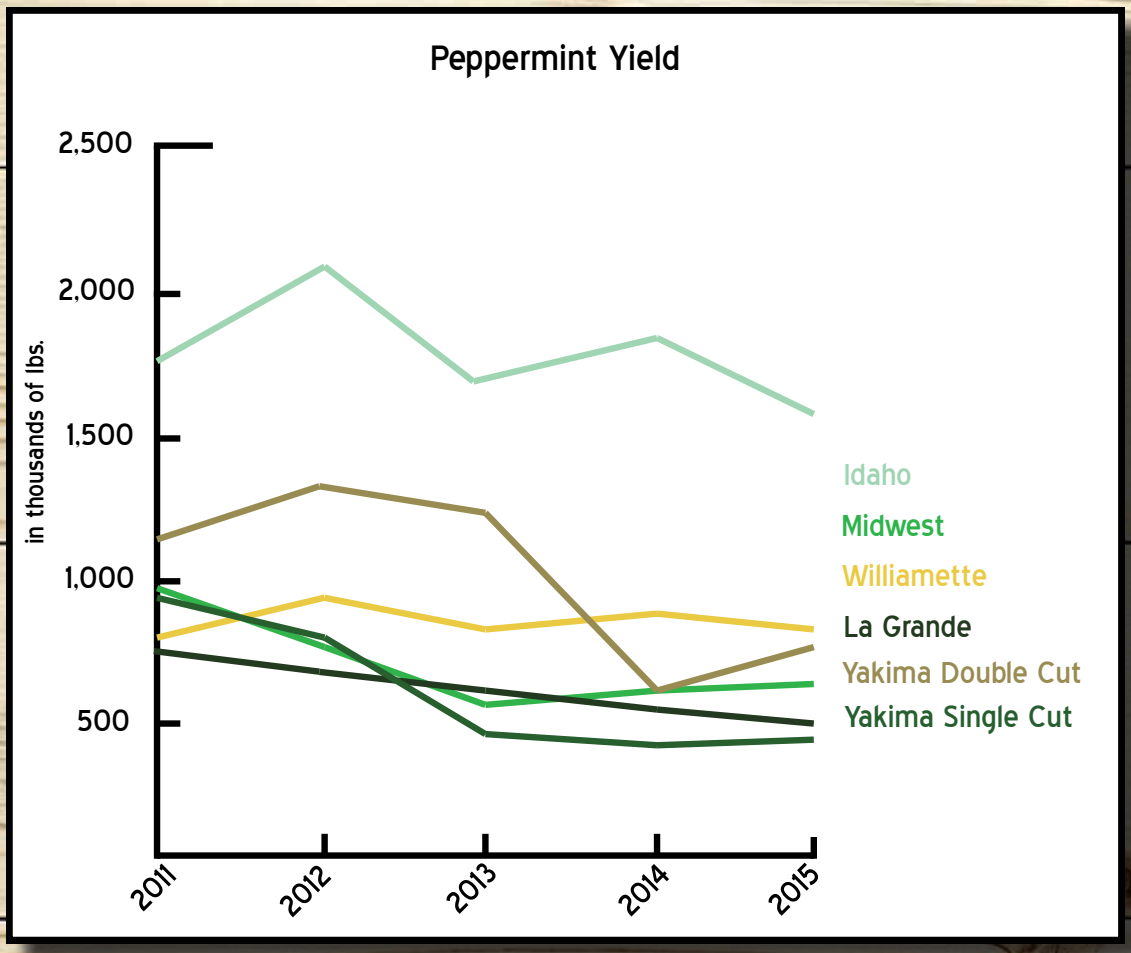
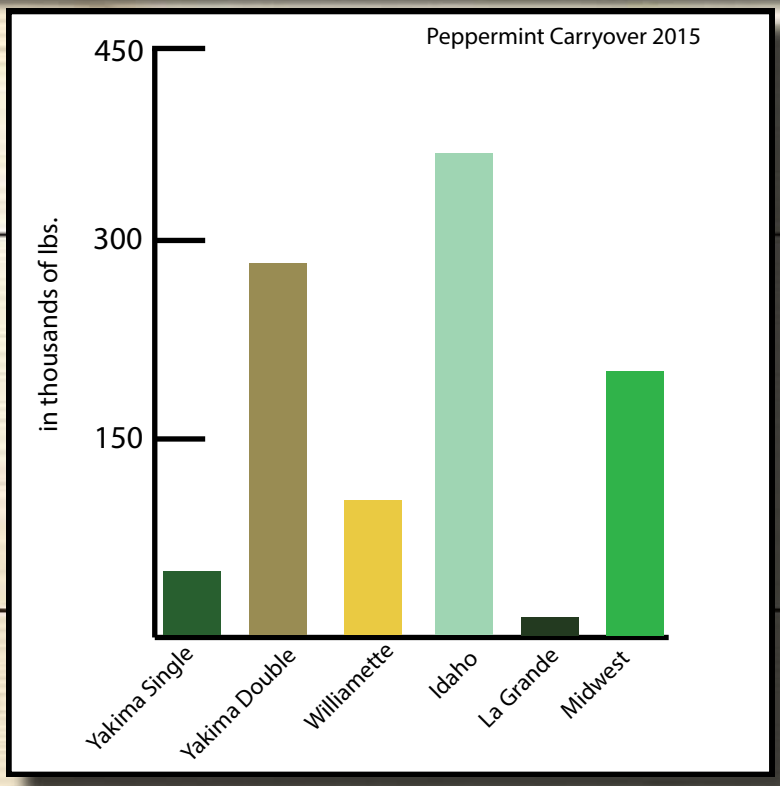


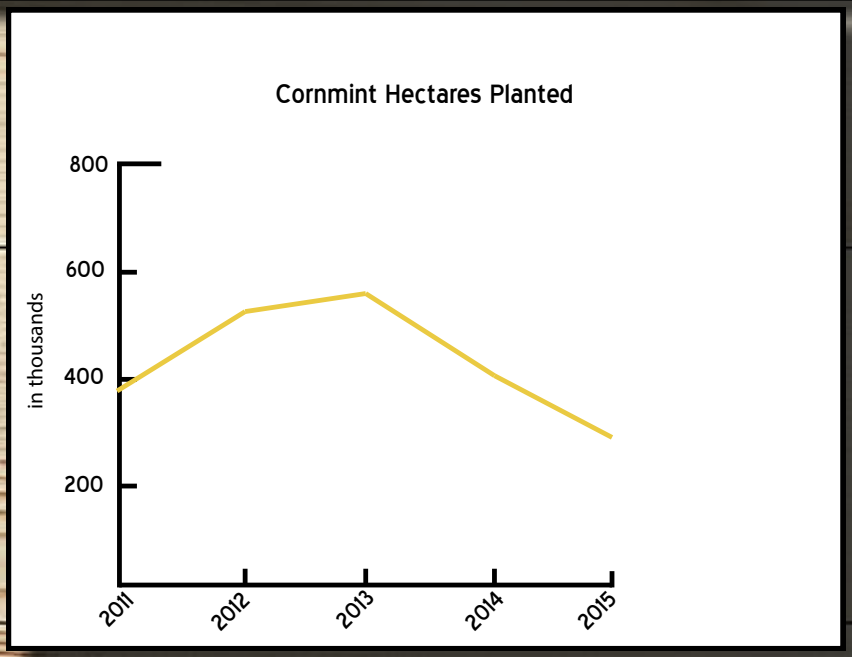
Peppermint Yield (in 1,000s)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Idaho	1755	2114	1686	1837	1596
Midwest	971	781	592	620	638
Williamette	818	959	833	874	832
La Grande	732	700	665	553	519
Yakima Double Cut	1135	1315	1271	662	778
Yakima Single Cut	888	837	452	403	439
Total Peppermint	6,299	6,706	5,499	4,949	4,802

Peppermint

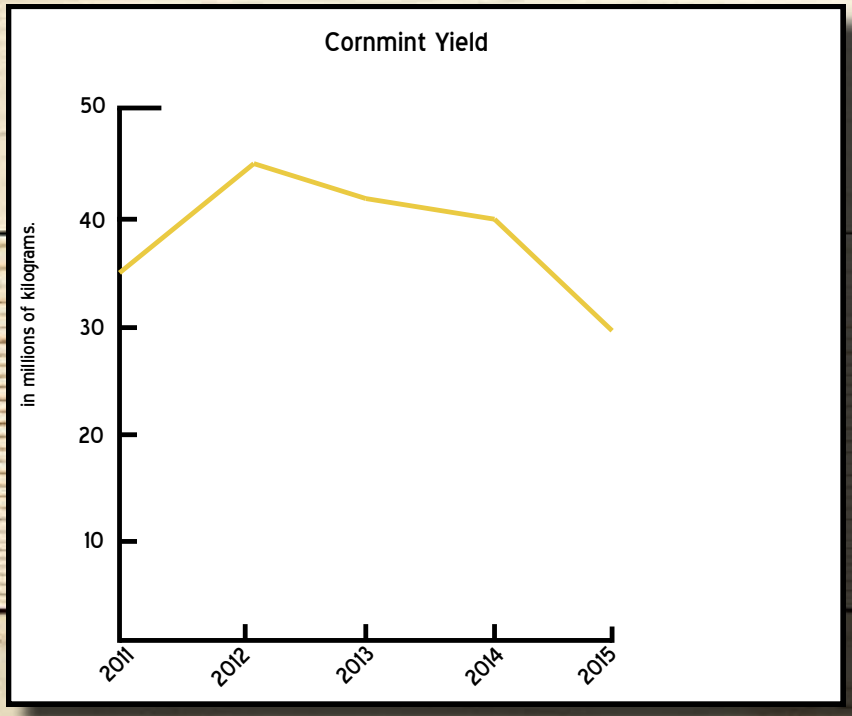
Peppermint Carryover (in 1,000s)	2015
Idaho	378
Midwest	188
Williamette	112
La Grande	13
Yakima Double Cut	273
Yakima Single Cut	45
Total Peppermint	1109



Cornmint

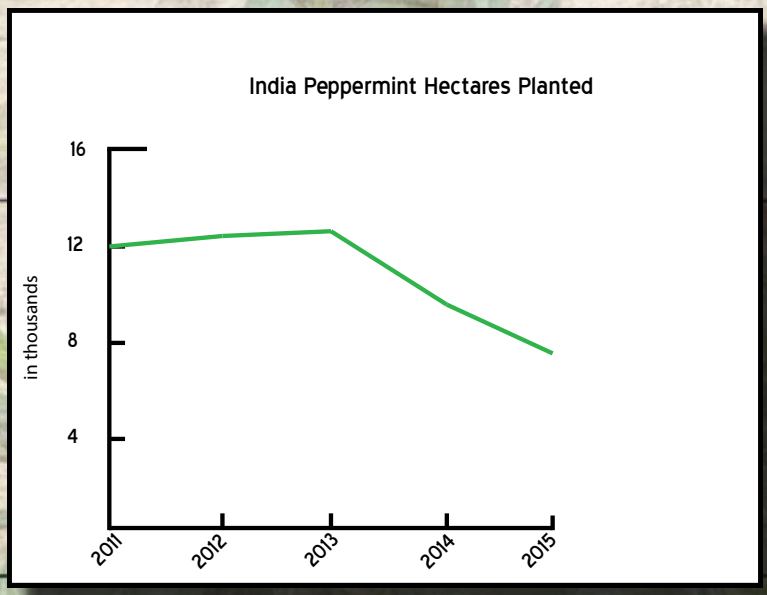


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cornmint Hectares Planted (in 1,000s)	384.6	529.4	552.6	400	

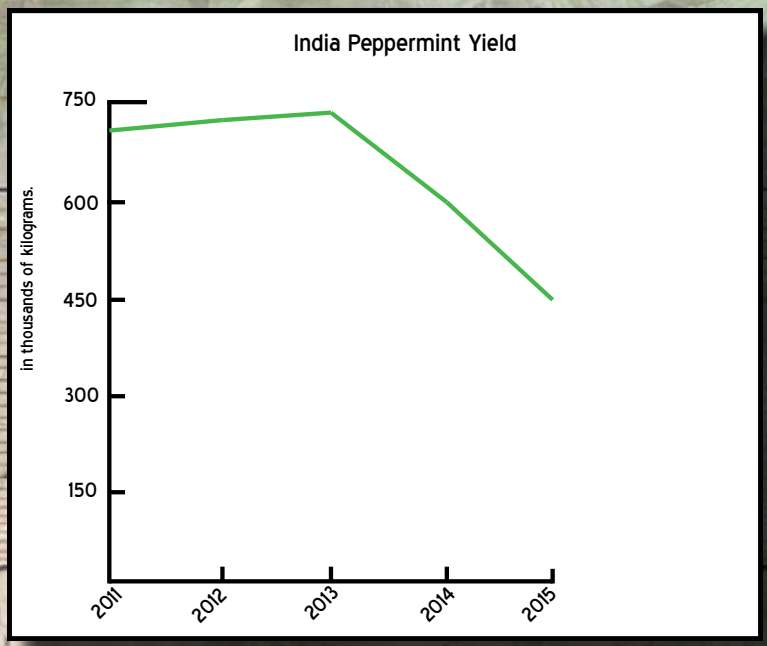


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cornmint Yield (in millions of kgs)	35	45	42	40	29

India Peppermint

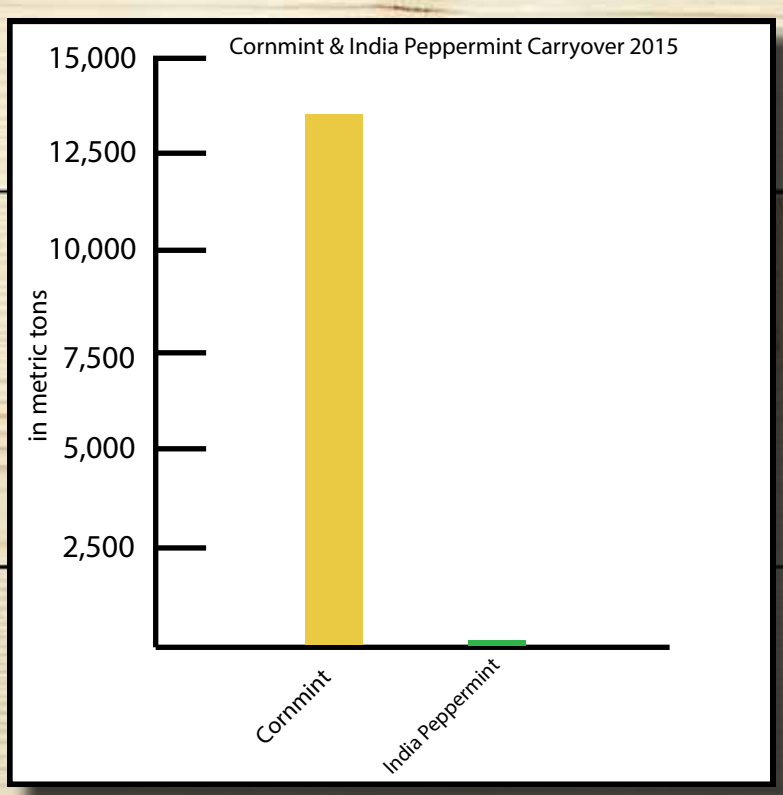


	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
India Peppermint Hectares Planted	12069	12719	12895	9836	7500



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
India Peppermint Yield (in thousands of kgs)	700	725	735	600	450

Cornmint & India Peppermint



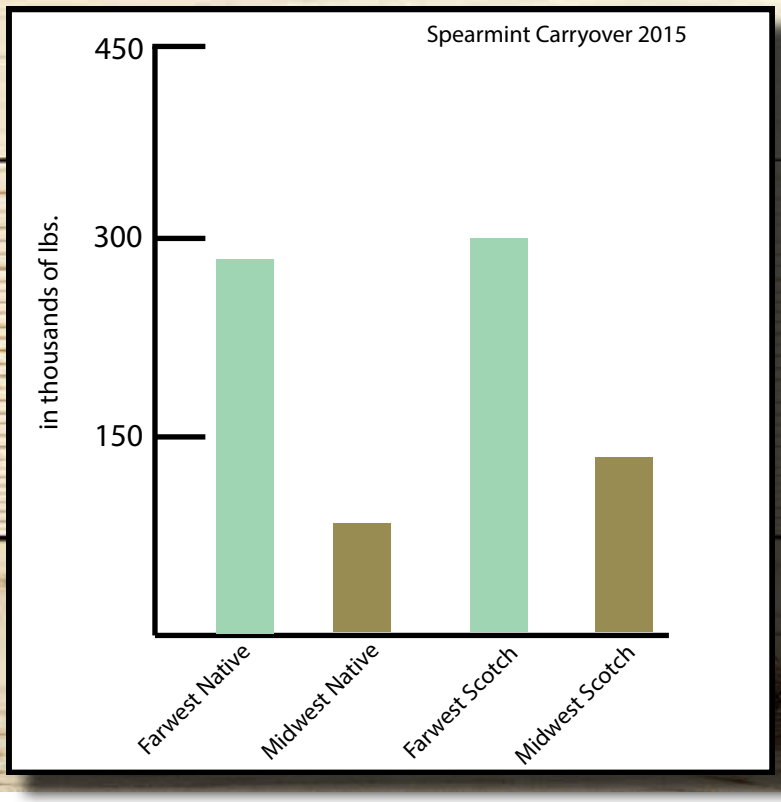
	2015
Cornmint Carryover (in tons)	13500
India Peppermint Carryover (in tons)	75

Spearmint

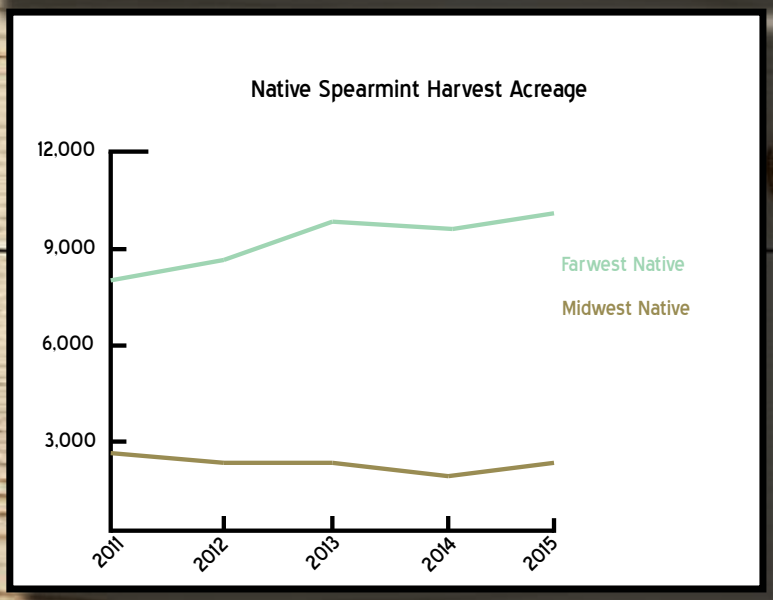
USA Spearmint

Many farmers were concerned about the high level of rain that was seen in the Midwest this year, compared to the West. However, the spearmint crop ended with higher yields than last year and normal furan levels. The market for Spearmint looks great this year, compared to last year at this time. A reserve of Farwest Scotch has helped pricing and the Midwest Scotch has increased supplies, with more planting and a healthy crop. Production costs for North American Spearmint oil has reduced and the demand is consistent and trending.

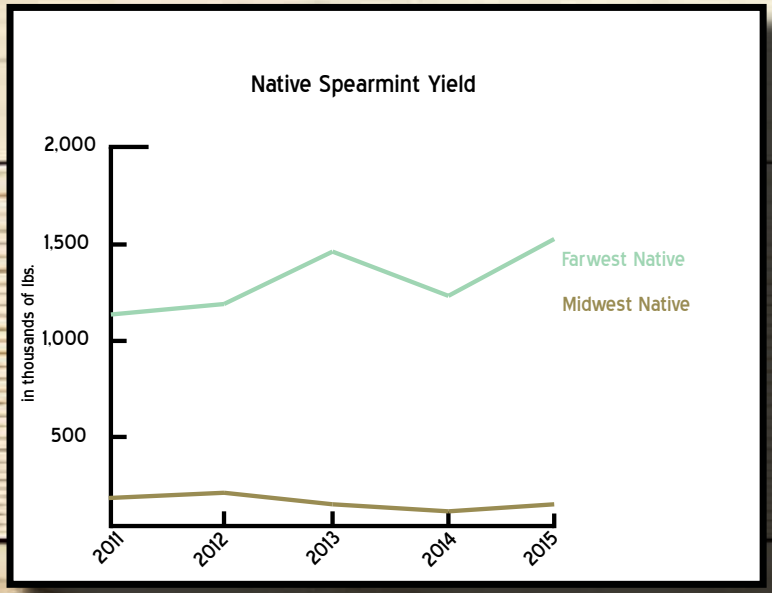
Spearmint Carryover (in 1,000s)	2015
Far West Native	271
Midwest Native	78
Far West Scotch	299
Midwest Scotch	138
Total Spearmint	786



Native Spearmint

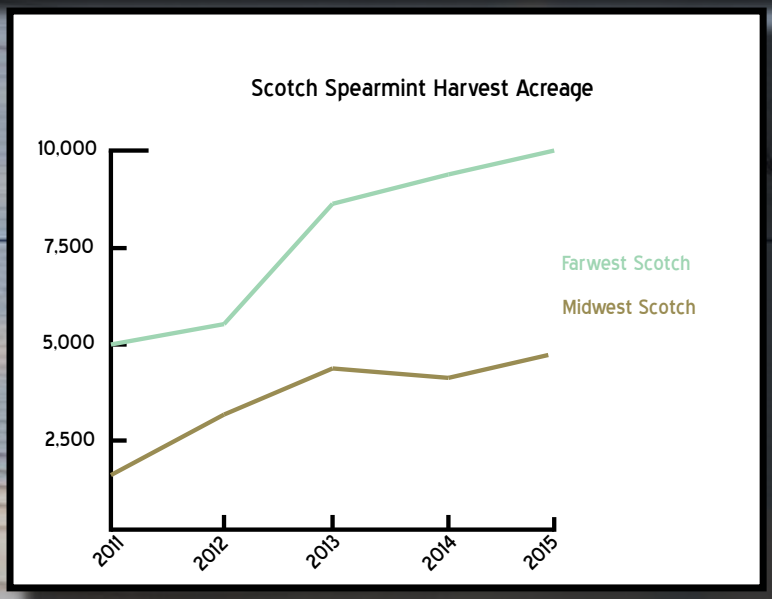


Native Spearmint Acreage (in 1,000s)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Far West Native	8	8.9	9.9	9.3	10.4
Midwest Native	2.5	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.4
Total Native Spearmint	10.5	11.1	12.2	11.2	12.8

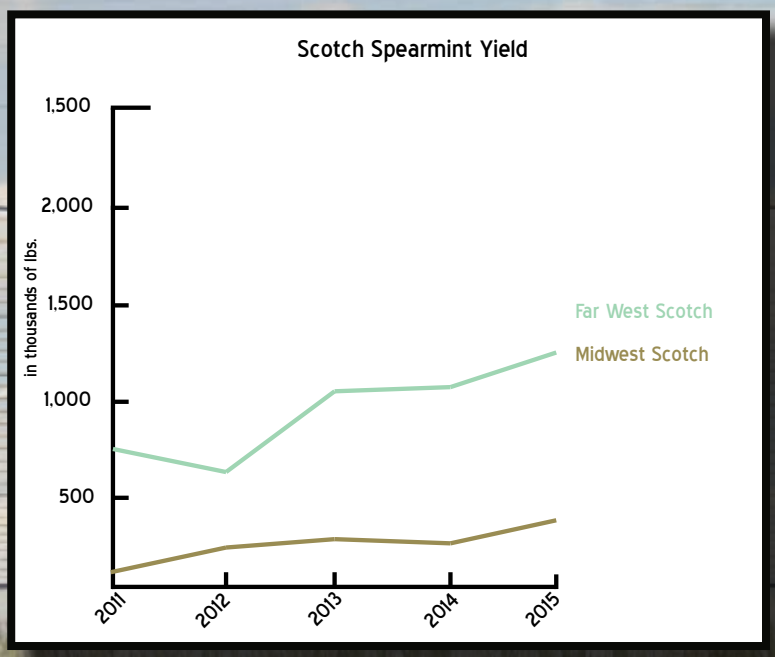


Native Spearmint Yield (in 1,000s)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Far West Native	1192	1210	1451	1275	1511
Midwest Native	174	189	136	126	167
Total Native Spearmint	1366	1399	1587	1401	1678

Scotch Spearmint



Scotch Spearmint Acreage (in 1,000s)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Far West Scotch	4.9	5.6	8.8	9.3	9.8
Midwest Scotch	1.7	2.9	4.1	4	4.4
Total Scotch Spearmint	6.6	8.5	12.9	13.3	14.2



Scotch Spearmint Yield	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Far West Scotch	754	621	1057	1094	1229
Midwest Scotch	125	208	238	215	321
Total Scotch Spearmint	2245	2228	2882	2710	3229