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Louisiana Crop Prospects

Louisiana's cotton crop is expected to yield 1,034 pounds per acre, surpassing the previous record set in 2003 by 67 pounds per acre. All field crops will surpass last year's yields, and cotton, corn, rice and soybeans are expected to set new records.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 700,000 bales, up 4 percent from last month but 44 percent lower than in 2006. Acreage harvested is estimated at 325,000 acres. The yield per acre, at 1,034 pounds, is up 44 pounds from last month and 88 pounds above 2006. If realized, this will be the highest yield in the state's history.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 12.2 million net tons, unchanged from the previous month but up 3 percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 420,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 29 net tons per acre, unchanged from the October estimate but up 1.7 tons from 2006.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 23.3 million cwt, up 3 percent from the October estimate and up 16 percent from 2006. Rice acreage for harvest is estimated at 373,000 acres. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,250 pounds, up 200 pounds from last month and up 430 pounds from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record, surpassing the previous record of 5,900 pounds per acre set in 2005.

Soybean production is expected to total 23.6 million bushels in Louisiana, unchanged from the October estimate but down 20 percent from a year ago. Acreage of soybeans expected for harvest is 590,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month but up 5 bushels from the previous record of 35 bushels per acre set last year.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 124.1 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month but up 206 percent from 2006. An estimated 730,000 acres will be harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 170 bushels, unchanged from the October estimate but up 30 bushels from last year.

Sorghum production is estimated at 23.8 million bushels in the state, up 1 percent from the October estimate and 185 percent greater than last year. Sorghum harvested acreage is estimated at 245,000 acres. Yield is forecast at 97 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from both the previous month and 2006.

United States Crop Prospects

All Cotton production is forecast at 18.9 million 480-pound bales, up 4 percent from last month but down 3 percent from last year's 21.6 million bales. Yield is expected to average 859 pounds per harvested acre, up 33 pounds from last month and up 45 pounds from 2006. If realized, the yield will be the largest on record surpassing the previous record of 855 pounds per acre set in 2004. Harvested area of all cotton is expected to total 10.5 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 17 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.1 million 480-pound bales, up 4 percent from last month but down 13 percent from last year. A record high yield of 845 pounds per acre is forecasted for upland cotton. Production is higher in the Southwest and lower Delta regions with growers expecting record yields in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. In Florida, Missouri and Tennessee, producers are expecting lower upland production than last month. **American-Pima** production is forecast at a record high 811,500 bales, up 5 percent from last month and up 6 percent from last year. American-Pima harvested area is expected to total 289,000 acres, unchanged from last month but down 11 percent from 2006.

Sugarcane production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2007 is forecast at 30.4 million tons, unchanged from the October forecast but up 3 percent from 2006. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 883,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 2007 crop year, unchanged from October but 14,600 acres less than last year. Yield is forecast at 34.4 tons per acre, unchanged from last month but up 1.5 tons from last year.

Harvested acreage in Florida is down slightly compared with last year but the yield is up 1.0 ton, resulting in a production forecast 2 percent above last year. The crop in Louisiana follows the same trend with harvested acreage down 15,000 acres, yield up 1.7 tons and production up 3 percent from 2006. Yields are forecast above last year in all producing states except Texas, where the yield is expected to decline 0.3 ton.

Rice production is forecast at 198 million cwt, up slightly from the October forecast and up 2 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 2.73 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 3 percent from 2006. The yield is forecast at a record high 7,247 pounds per acre, up 32 pounds from last month and 379 pounds above last year. If realized, this will surpass the previous record high yield of 6,988 pounds per acre set in 2004. Record high yields are expected in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. In Missouri, the yield is expected to equal the record high set in 2004. As of October 21, rice harvest was complete or nearly complete in all states except California.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.59 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 1.4 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher in Indiana, Michigan, Texas and most of the Mid-Atlantic region as producers are realizing higher yields than expected. In contrast, yield prospects decreased or were unchanged across the remainder of the Nation as harvest progressed. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 62.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 16 percent from 2006.

Corn production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 25 percent above 2006.

Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from October but 3.9 bushels above last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the largest on record as producers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Forecast yields are lower than last month across the northern and western Corn Belt and adjacent areas of the Great Plains where actual harvest results are revealing that the impact of the hot, dry conditions during pollination was worse than initially expected. Producers in the Ohio Valley, Tennessee Valley and mid-Atlantic states reported higher yields than last month.

Sorghum production is forecast at 515 million bushels, up 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and 85 percent above 2006. Expected area for harvest as grain, at 6.70 million acres, is unchanged from last month but up 36 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is at a record high 76.8 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from October and up 20.6 bushels from last year. Kansas, the top producing state, expects a yield of 81.0 bushels, 2.0 bushels above last month. The yield forecast for Texas is up 3.0 bushels from October, at 72.0 bushels per acre. If realized, the yield in Arkansas, Kansas and Texas will be a record high, while Nebraska's forecasted yield will tie the record high set in 1994. As of October 28, harvest in the top 11 producing states was 73 percent complete, compared with 57 percent last year and 62 percent for the 5-year average. Harvest was complete in Arkansas and Louisiana.

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007
Corn for grain	290	730	140	170	bushels	40,600	124,100
Upland Cotton	630	325	946	1,034	lbs:bales	1,241	700
Rice	345	373	5,820	6,250	lbs:cwt	20,093	23,313
Sorghum for grain	87	245	96	97	bushels	8,352	23,765
Soybeans	840	590	35	40	bushels	29,400	23,600
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	435	420	27.3	29.0	net tons	11,876	12,180
Hay, all ¹	390	400	2.5	2.9	tons	975	1,160
Pecans, all ¹	---	---	---	---	pounds	21,000	12,000

CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES
November 1, 2007

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007
Corn for grain	70,648	86,071	149.1	153.0	bushels	10,534,868	13,167,741
Upland Cotton	12,408	10,254	806	845	lbs:bales	20,822	18,050
Rice	2,821	2,731	6,868	7,247	lbs:cwt	193,736	197,911
Sorghum for grain	4,937	6,702	56.2	76.8	bushels	277,538	514,681
Soybeans	74,602	62,818	42.7	41.3	bushels	3,188,247	2,594,275
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	898.1	883.5	32.9	34.4	net tons	29,580	30,411
Hay, all ¹	60,807	61,789	2.33	2.39	tons	141,666	147,964
Pecans, all ¹	---	---	---	---	pounds	206,300	319,605

¹Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

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