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LOUISIANA CROP ACREAGE

In spite of the extremely wet conditions of the past two months, producers remain optimistic about this year's crops. Dave Frank, Director of the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service indicated that soybean, rice and sweet potato acreages were expected to increase this year. Soybean acreage is expected to total one million acres for the year. Planted acreages of other major crops were expected to decline slightly.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 1,000,000 acres, 240,000 more acres than last year and 20,000 acres more than the March 1 intentions estimate. This will be the third consecutive year Louisiana's soybean planted acres have increased.

Rice planted acreage is expected to increase 95,000 acres to 550,000 acres, up 21 percent from last year. Of this total, long grain varieties account for 530,000 acres and medium grain varieties account for the remaining 20,000 acres.

Cotton planted acreage is expected to decline by 25,000 acres, to 500,000 acres, from 2003; this is down 100,000 acres from the March 1 intentions figure. This will be the fewest acres of cotton planted in the state since 1983, when only 420,000 acres were planted.

Sugarcane acreage for harvest is estimated at 485,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. Louisiana continues to lead the nation in harvested sugarcane acreage.

Corn planted acreage, at 460,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from the March 1 estimate but down 60,000 acres from 2003.

Sweet potato planted acreage, at 20,000 acres, is up 1,000 acres from last year.

Grain sorghum planted acreage, at 100,000 acres, is down 70,000 acres from last year. This is the fewest planted acres since 1997, when only 90,000 acres were planted.

An estimated 150,000 acres were planted to **winter wheat**, down 5,000 acres from 2003. As of June 20, 100 percent of the Louisiana winter wheat crop had been harvested.

All hay harvested is estimated at 360,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2003.

June 1, 2004 - Planted Acreage

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	-----Thousand Acres-----			-----Thousand Acres-----		
Corn	520	460	-12	78,736	80,968	+3
Upland Cotton	525	500	-5	13,301	13,700	+3
Rice	455	550	+21	3,022	3,346	+11
Sorghum	170	100	-41	9,420	8,099	-14
Soybeans	760	1,000	+32	73,404	74,809	+2
Sweet Potatoes	19	20	+5	95.8	99.1	+3
Winter Wheat	155	150	-3	61,700	59,869	-3
Hay ¹	380	360	-5	63,342	61,589	-3
Sugarcane ^{1,2}	490	485	-1	994.4	971.1	-2

¹Harvested acres. ²For sugar and seed.

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