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## Sugarcane, Corn and Soybean Production Increase From Last Year

Louisiana farmers are expected to produce more corn, soybeans, and sugarcane this year than in 2001, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician with the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Frank indicated that cotton, rice, sorghum and all hay production are expected to be down from last year.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 14.9 million net tons, up 3 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 30 net tons per acre, up 1 net ton from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 495,000 acres. Production for the U.S. is forecast at 35.5 million tons, from an estimated 1.02 million harvested acres. U.S. production is expected to be up 3 percent from last year.

**Cotton** production is expected to total 750,000 bales, down 27 percent from 2001. An estimated 570,000 acres are expected for harvest, 285,000 fewer than last year. Yield per acre, at 632 pounds, is 52 pounds more than in 2001. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is forecast at 17.8 million bales, 9 percent below 2001. U.S. growers expect to harvest 12.8 million acres, down 5 percent from 2001.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 27.3 million cwt, down 9 percent from 2001. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 515,000 acres. This is a decrease of 31,000 harvested acres from the 2001 crop. Production for the U.S. is forecast at 206 million cwt, down 3 percent from 2001, but 8 percent above 2000. U.S. harvested acres are expected to total 3.23 million acres, down 3 percent from last year.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 25.1 million bushels, up 25 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 760,000 acres, up 25 percent from 2001. Yield is forecast at 33 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. U.S. production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2001 and 5 percent below 2000. U.S. farmers expect to harvest 72.0 million acres, down 1 percent from last year.

**Corn** production is forecast at 58.6 million bushels, up 29 percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 480,000 acres, up 56 percent from 2001. Yield per acre, at 122 bushels, is down 26 bushels from 2001. U.S. production is forecast at 8.89 billion bushels, down 7 percent from last year and down 10 percent from 2000. U.S. farmers expect to harvest 71.0 million acres of corn for grain, up 3 percent from 2001.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 16.0 million bushels compared to 17.9 million bushels last year. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 195,000 acres, down 7 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 82 bushels per acre, 3 bushels fewer than last year. U.S. acreage forecast to be harvested for grain, at 7.55 million acres, is down 12 percent from 2001.

Louisiana production of **all hay** is estimated at 1.2 million tons, down 4 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 450,000 acres, unchanged from 2001. Yield, at 2.7 tons per acre, is down 0.1 ton from 2001.

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2002	2001	2002	2001		2002	2001
Corn for grain	480	307	122	148	bushels	58,560	45,436
Upland Cotton	570	855	632	580	bales	750	1,034
Rice	515	546	5,300	5,500	cwt	27,295	30,014
Sorghum for grain	195	210	82	85	bushels	15,990	17,850
Soybeans	760	610	33	33	bushels	25,080	20,130
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	495	495	30	29	net tons	14,850	14,355
Hay, all	450	450	2.7	2.8	tons	1,215	1,260

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CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2002	2001	2002	2001		2002	2001
Corn for grain	71,001	68,808	125.2	138.2	bushels	8,886,009	9,506,840
Upland Cotton	12,849.0	13,559.5	663	687	bales	17,750.0	19,602.4
Rice	3,227.0	3,314.0	6,393	6,429	cwt	206,304	213,045
Sorghum for grain	7,548	8,584	50.3	59.9	bushels	379,509	514,524
Soybeans	72,029	73,000	36.5	39.6	bushels	2,628,387	2,890,572
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	1,022.1	1,028.0	34.7	33.6	net tons	35,463	34,587
Hay, all	64,709	63,511	2.36	2.47	tons	152,616	156,703

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