



Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 Cotton Objective Yield and Louisiana Sugar Mills Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Delta Region Cotton Production Forecast Down from Last Year

As of December 1, **Arkansas all cotton** production is forecast at 480,000 bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but 307,000 bales down from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,124 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month but down 21 pounds from 2014. Harvested acreage is estimated at 205,000 acres, down 125,000 acres from 2014. If realized, this would be a new record low for cotton harvested acres for the state.

Louisiana all cotton production is forecast at 190,000 bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but 214,000 bales down from last year. Yield is expected to average 852 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month but down 302 pounds from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 107,000 acres, down 61,000 acres from 2014. If realized, this would be a new record low for cotton harvested acres for the state.

Mississippi all cotton production is forecast at 670,000 bales, down 30,000 bales from the November 1 forecast and down 408,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,021 pounds per harvested acres, down 46 pounds from last month and down 211 pounds from 2014. Harvested acreage is estimated at 315,000 acres, down 105,000 acres from 2014.

United States all cotton production is forecast at 13 million 480-pound bales, down 250,000 bales from last month but down 3.29 million bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 768 pounds per harvested acre, down 70 pounds from last year. Producers expect to harvest 8.15 million acres, down 1.2 million acres from 2014.

**All Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
Delta Region, Selected States and U.S., 2014, and Forecasted December 1, 2015**

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production ¹	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds per Acre</i>		<i>1,000 Bales</i>	
Arkansas	330	205	1,145	1,124	787	480
Louisiana	168	107	1,154	852	404	190
Mississippi	420	315	1,232	1,021	1,078	670
Missouri	245	175	1,117	1,125	570	410
Oklahoma	210	195	615	862	269	350
Tennessee	270	140	878	1,035	494	302
Texas	4,616	4,515	645	620	6,203	5,836
United States	9,346.8	8,149.3	838	768	16,319.4	13,031.0

¹ 480-Lb Net Weight Bales.

Louisiana Sugarcane Production Forecast Up 1 Percent From 2014

Louisiana sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 12.3 million net tons, down 3 percent from the November 1 forecast but up 1 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 30.0 net tons per acre, down 1.0 net ton per acre from last month but up 0.5 net ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 410,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014.

United States production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed in 2015 is forecast at 32.1 million net tons, up 6 percent from 2014. Expected yield for sugar and seed is forecast at 36.0 net tons per acre, unchanged from the November forecast but up 1.0 net ton from the previous year. Producers intend to harvest 892,700 acres for sugar and seed, down 22,400 acres from 2014.

Sugarcane: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana, Selected States, and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted December 1, 2015

State	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons per Acre</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>	
For sugar						
Louisiana	386.0	385.0	29.5	30.0	11,387	11,550
Florida	392.0	409.0	38.4	39.8	15,053	16,278
Hawaii	16.0	16.5	78.8	86.2	1,261	1,422
Texas	31.5	37.0	37.9	36.0	1,194	1,332
United States	825.5	847.5	35.0	36.1	28,895	30,582
For seed						
Louisiana	25.0	25.0	29.5	30.0	738	750
Florida	16.0	16.0	42.8	43.2	685	691
Hawaii	2.2	2.2	20.5	20.0	45	44
Texas	1.6	2.0	37.9	36.0	61	72
United States	44.8	45.2	34.1	34.4	1,529	1,557
For sugar and seed						
Louisiana	411.0	410.0	29.5	30.0	12,125	12,300
Florida	408.0	425.0	38.6	39.9	15,738	16,969
Hawaii	18.2	18.7	71.8	78.4	1,306	1,466
Texas	33.1	39.0	37.9	36.0	1,255	1,404
United States	870.3	892.7	35.0	36.0	30,424	32,139

¹Net Tons.