



Louisiana Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 November Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Forecasted Record Low Cotton Harvested Acres for the State Cotton, Rice, Sorghum and Soybean Production Down from Last Year Sugarcane Production Up from Last Year

Corn for grain production is forecast at 66.3 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but down 7 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is expected to average 170 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 13 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 390,000 acres of corn for grain, unchanged from 2014.

All cotton production is forecast at 190,000 bales, down 40,000 bales from the October 1 forecast and down 214,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 852 pounds per harvested acre, down 180 pounds from last month and down 302 pounds from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 107,000 acres, down 61,000 acres from 2014. If realized, this would be the lowest harvested acreage on record for the state.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 27.7 million hundredweight, up 2 percent from the October 1 forecast but down 15 percent from last year's production of 32.7 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of November 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 6,700 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from last month but down 530 pounds from last year's record yield. Producers expect to harvest 414,000 acres, down 44,000 acres from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 5.4 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and down 40 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 70 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 23 bushels from 2014. Producers expect to harvest 77,000 acres of sorghum, down 19,000 acres from 2014.

Soybean production in 2015 is forecast at 57.8 million bushels, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and down 27 percent from last year. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 41 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month and down 15.5 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.4 million acres, up 15,000 acres from 2014.

Sugarcane production is forecast at 12.7 million net tons, up 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 5 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 31 net tons per acre, up 1 net ton from last month and up 1.5 net ton per acre from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 410,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2014.

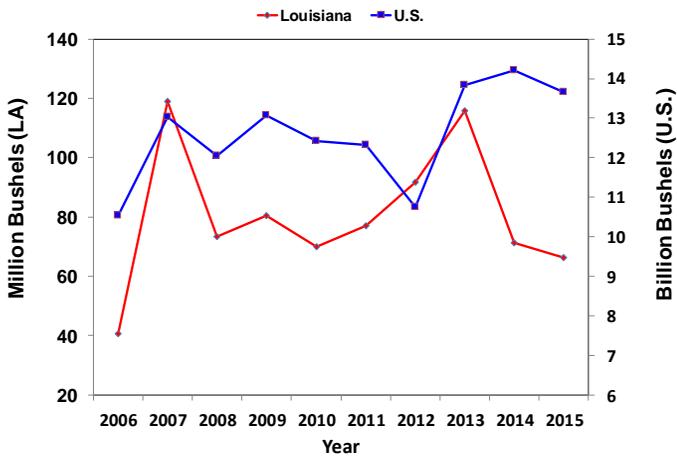
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted November 1, 2015

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Per Acre</i>		<i>1,000 Units</i>	
Louisiana							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	390	390	183	170	71,370	66,300
Cotton, All	¹	168	107	1,154	852	404	190
Rice, All	²	458	414	7,130	6,700	32,658	27,738
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	96	77	93	70	8,928	5,390
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	1,395	1,410	56.5	41.0	78,818	57,810
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	411	410	29.5	31.0	12,125	12,710
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	83,136	80,664	171.0	169.3	14,215,532	13,653,507
Cotton, All	¹	9,346.8	8,149.3	838	782	16,319.4	13,281.0
Rice, All	²	2,919	2,570	7,572	7,423	221,035	190,770
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	6,401	7,645	67.6	77.7	432,575	593,807
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	82,591	82,429	47.5	48.3	3,927,090	3,981,337
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	870.3	881.7	35.0	36.0	30,424	31,729

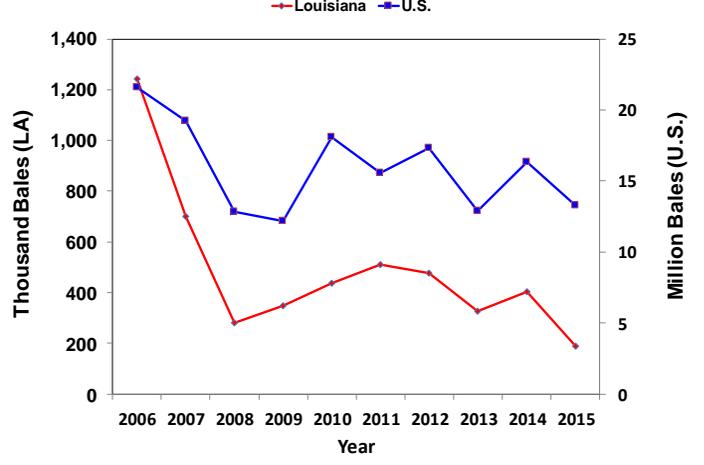
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

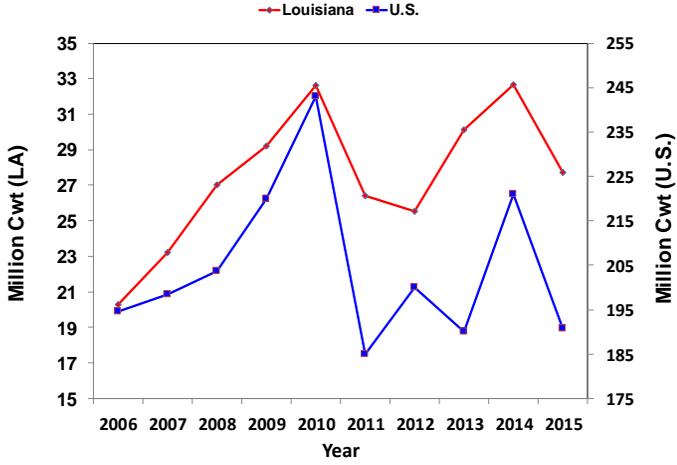
Corn: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



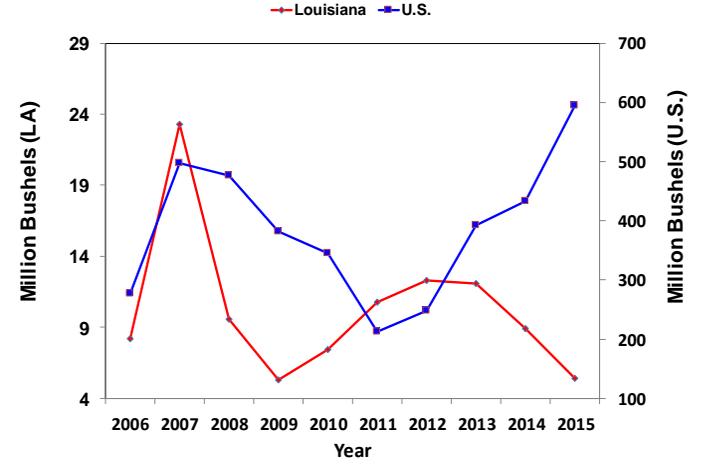
Cotton: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



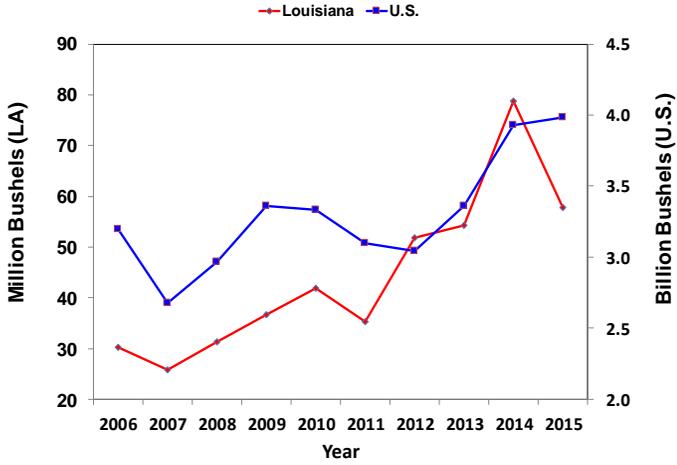
Rice: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



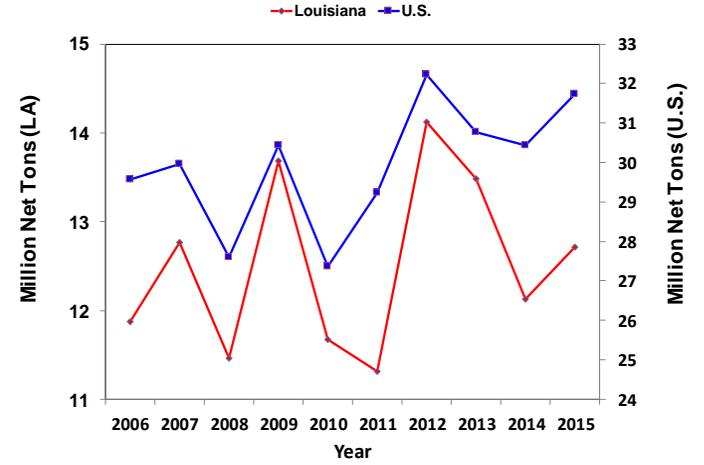
Sorghum: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Soybean: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Sugarcane: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2015¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2015 as of November 1, 2015.