



Louisiana Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2016 October 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 and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Corn, Cotton, Rice, Soybean and Sugarcane Forecasted Production Up from Last Year Sorghum and Hay Forecasted Down Production from Last Year

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 92.4 million bushels, down 10 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 39 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 168 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last month and down 3 bushels from last year. Planted acreage is revised to 620,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from June 2016. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 590,000 acres to 550,000 acres.

All cotton production is forecast at 280,000 bales, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but up 91,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 960 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month but up 150 pounds from 2015. Producers expect to harvest 140,000 acres of cotton, up 28,000 acres from 2015.

Hay production is forecast at 858,000 tons, down 20 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 2.2 tons per acre, down 0.4 ton from August 1 forecast and down 0.3 ton from last year. Producers expect to harvest 390,000 acres of all hay, down 40,000 acres from 2015.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 29.8 million hundredweight, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but up 3 percent from last year's production of 28.8 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2016 is forecast at 6,850 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month but down 90 pounds from 2015. Producers expect to harvest 435,000 acres of rice, up 20,000 acres from 2015.

Sorghum for grain production in 2016 is forecast at 4.85 million bushels, down 21 percent from the September 1 forecast and down 23 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 97 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 12 bushels from 2015. Planted acreage is revised to 52,000 acres, down 18,000 acres from June 2016. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 63,000 acres to 50,000 acres.

Soybeans production in 2016 is forecast at 59.3 million bushels, down 4 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 4 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 49 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month but up 8 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.21 million acres, is down 180,000 acres from 2015.

Sugarcane production is forecast at 13.6 million net tons, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but up 12 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average at 31 net tons per acre, unchanged from last month but up 1.4 net tons from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 440,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2015.

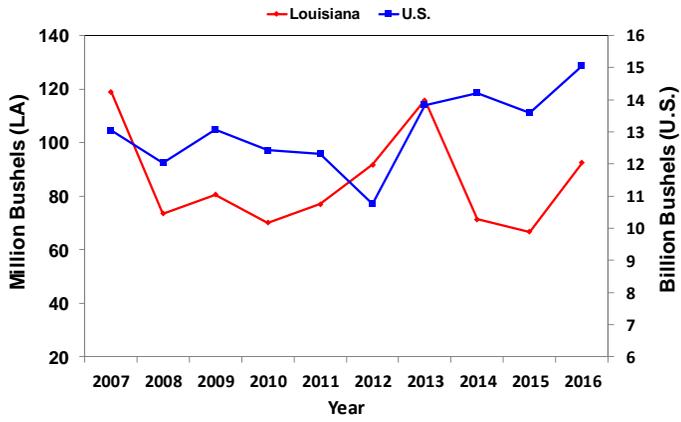
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2015 and Forecasted October 1, 2016

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Louisiana							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	390	550	171	168	66,690	92,400
Cotton, All	¹	112	140	810	960	189	280
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	430	390	2.50	2.20	1,075	858
Rice, All	²	415	435	6,940	6,850	28,791	29,798
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	74	50	85	97	6,290	4,850
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	1,390	1,210	41	49	56,990	59,290
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	410	440	29.6	31.0	12,136	13,640
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	80,749	86,836	168.4	173.4	13,601,198	15,057,404
Cotton, All	¹	8,074.9	9,655.4	766	797	12,455	15,472.0
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	54,437	56,127	2.47	2.52	134,388	141,573
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,560.9	1,587.0	3,845	3,976	6,001,357	6,310,200
Rice, All	²	2,575	3,133	7,470	7,532	192,343	235,989
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	7,851	6,045	76.0	77.2	596,751	466,614
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	81,732	83,047	48.0	51.4	3,926,339	4,268,884
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	887.3	914.6	36.4	36.9	32,275	33,774

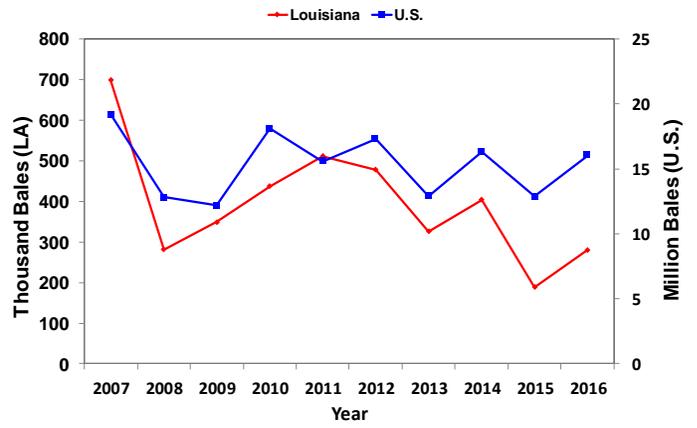
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

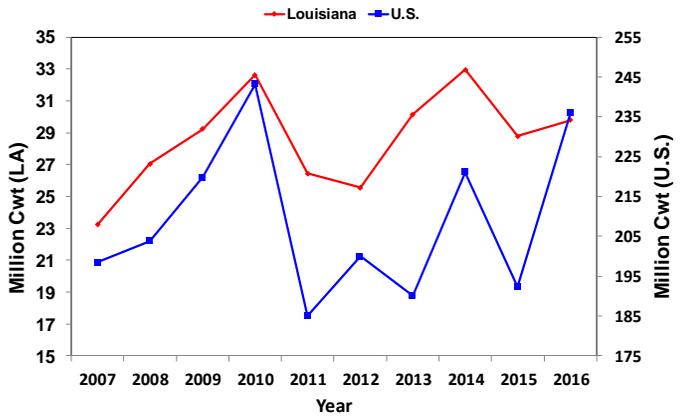
Corn: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2007-2016¹



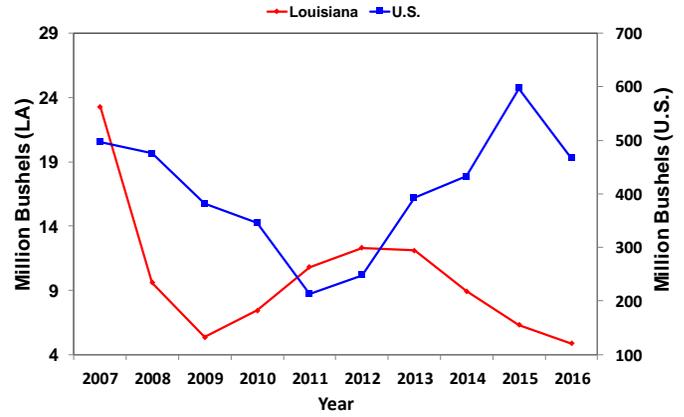
Cotton: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2007-2016¹



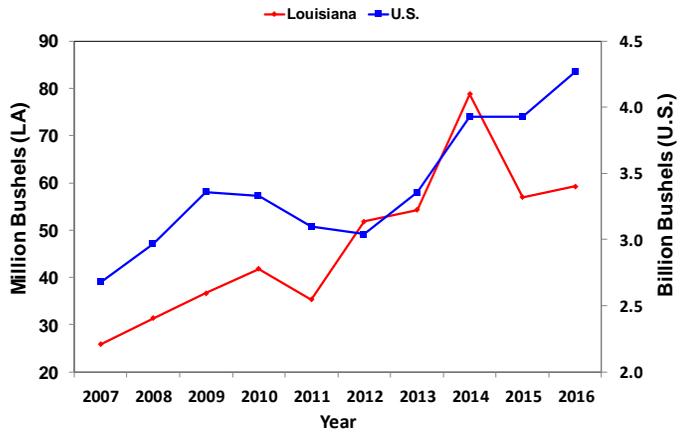
Rice: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2007-2016¹



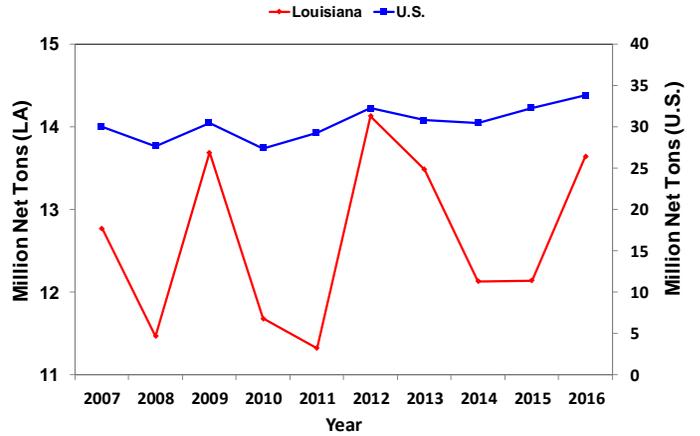
Sorghum: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2007-2016¹



Soybean: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2007-2016¹



Sugarcane: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2007-2016¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2016 as of October 1, 2016.