



Louisiana Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2016 September 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 Forecasted Production Down from Last Year

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 103 million bushels, down 2 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 54 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average 174 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last month but up 3 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 590,000 acres of corn for grain, up 200,000 acres from 2015.

All cotton production is forecast at 280,000 bales, down 40,000 bales from the August 1 forecast but 91,000 bales above last year. Yield is expected to average 960 pounds per harvested acre, down 64 pounds from last month but up 150 pounds from 2015. Planted acreage is revised to 145,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from June 2016. Harvested acreage is revised from 150,000 acres to 140,000 acres.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 29.8 million hundredweight, down 10 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 3 percent from last year's production of 28.8 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of September 1, the all rice yield for 2016 is forecast at 6,850 pounds per acre, down 250 pounds from last month and down 90 pounds from 2015. Planted acreage is revised to 440,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from June 2016. Breakdowns by grain lengths are: long grain planted area is 415,000 acres and medium grain planted area is 25,000 acres. Harvested acreage for all rice is revised to 435,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from last month.

Sorghum for grain production in 2016 is forecast at 6.11 million bushels, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down 3 percent from a year ago. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 97 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 12 bushels from 2015. Area for grain harvest, at 63,000 acres, is down 11,000 acres from 2015.

Soybean production in 2016 is forecast at 61.5 million bushels, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 8 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 50 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.23 million acres, is down 165,000 acres from 2015.

Sugarcane production is forecast at 13.6 million net tons, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 12 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast 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.

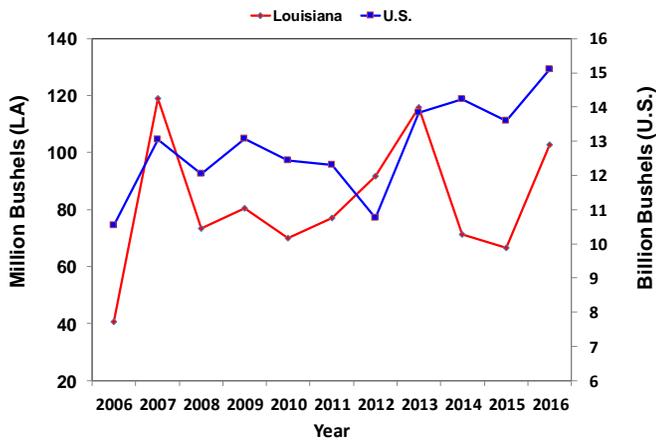
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2015 and Forecasted September 1, 2016

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	590	171	174	66,690	102,660
Cotton, All	¹	112	140	810	960	189	280
Rice, All	²	415	435	6,940	6,850	28,791	29,798
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	74	63	85	97	6,290	6,111
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	1,395	1,230	41	50	57,195	61,500
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	86,550	168.4	174.4	13,601,198	15,092,908
Cotton, All	¹	8,074.9	9,655.4	766	802	12,888	16,142
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,567	1,587	3,963	4,044	6,210,590	6,417,800
Rice, All	²	2,575	3,133	7,470	7,569	192,343	237,140
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	7,851	6,456	76.0	75.7	596,751	488,476
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	81,814	83,037	48.0	50.6	3,929,160	4,200,985
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	887.3	919.9	36.4	37.0	32,275	34,039

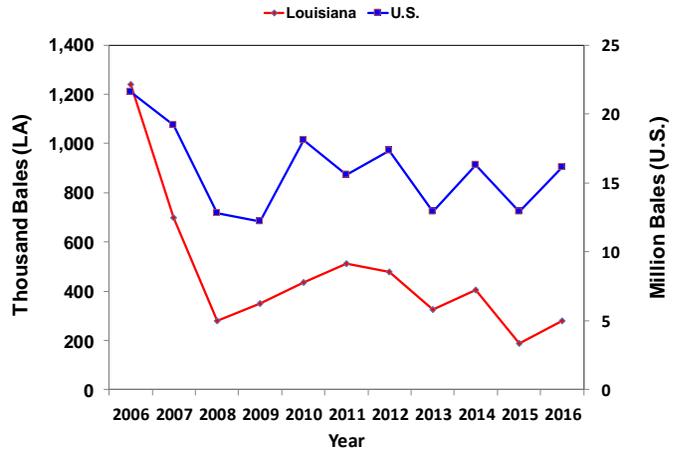
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

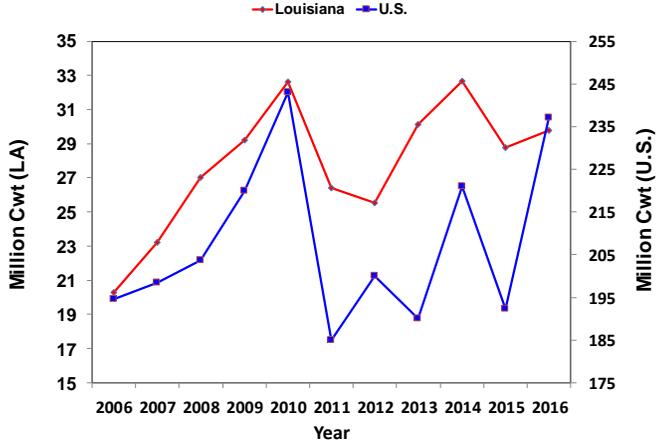
Corn: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2016¹



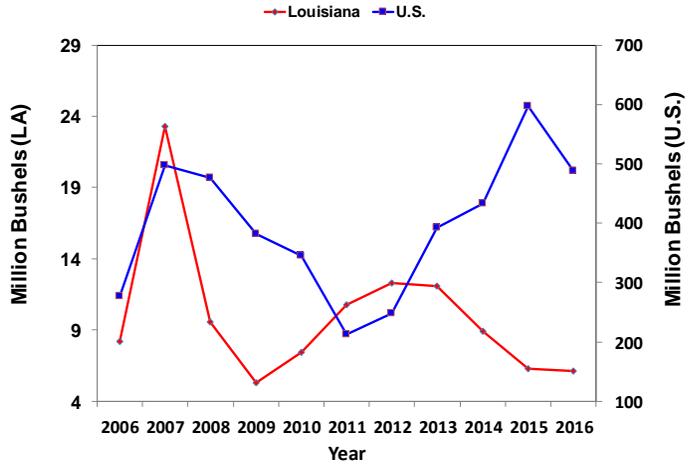
Cotton: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2016¹



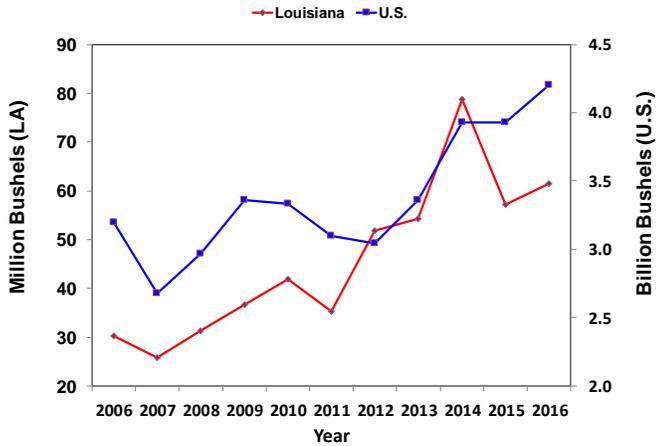
Rice: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2016¹



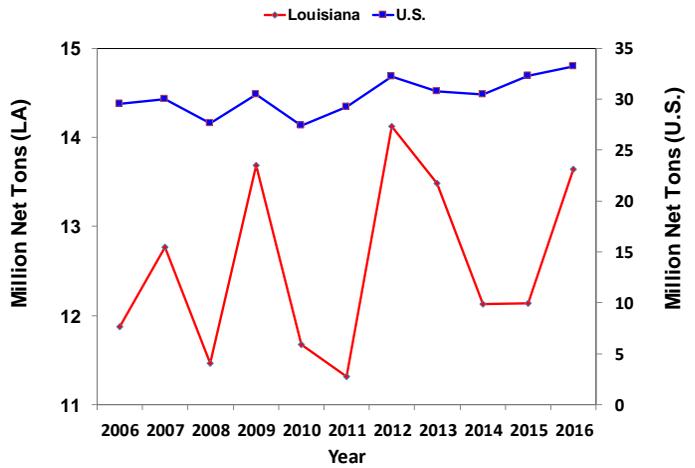
Sorghum: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2016¹



Soybean: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2016¹



Sugarcane: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2006-2016¹



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