



Louisiana Prospective Plantings Report

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This report contains the results from the **2015 March Agricultural Survey**. 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 this survey.

Cotton Acreage Ties Record Low Soybean Acreage Highest in the Last 25 Years All Rice Acreage Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Corn: Louisiana corn growers intend to plant 450,000 acres, up 13 percent from last year's 400,000 acres.

Cotton: All cotton acreage intentions are at 130,000 acres, down 24 percent from last year's 170,000 acres. If realized, this will tie the record low set in 2013.

Hay All: All hay acres expected to be harvested in Louisiana are estimated at 470,000 acres, unchanged from 2014.

Rice: Intended planted acres for all rice for 2015 are 480,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous year's 462,000 acres.

Sorghum: Sorghum growers intend to plant 75,000 acres, down 25 percent from last year.

Soybeans: Soybean growers intend to plant 1.55 million acres in 2015, up 8 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the highest since 1990 when the state planted 1.80 million acres.

Sugarcane: The first 2015 estimate of sugarcane acreage for harvest will be available on June 30, 2015.

Sweet Potato: Sweet potato growers intend to plant 8,500 acres, down 6 percent from last year.

Winter Wheat: Wheat acreage in Louisiana is down 19 percent from last year to an estimated 130,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2015.

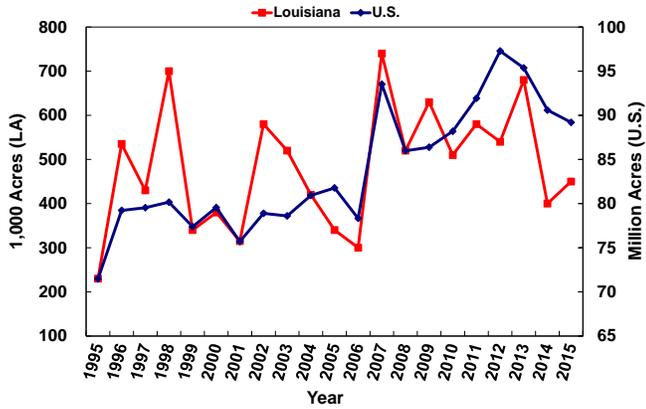
Principal Crops: Area Planted, Louisiana and United States, 2014-2015

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2014	2015 ¹	2015/2014	2014	2015 ¹	2015/2014
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn	400	450	113	90,597	89,199	98
Cotton, All	170	130	76	11,037	9,549	87
Hay, All ²	470	470	100	57,092	57,093	100
Rice, All	462	480	104	2,939	2,915	99
Long Grain	392	400	102	2,207	2,197	100
Medium Grain	70	80	114	696	686	99
Sorghum	100	75	75	7,138	7,900	111
Soybeans	1,420	1,540	108	83,701	84,635	101
Sweet Potatoes	9.0	8.5	94	137.3	137.7	100
Wheat, All	160	130	81	56,822	55,367	97

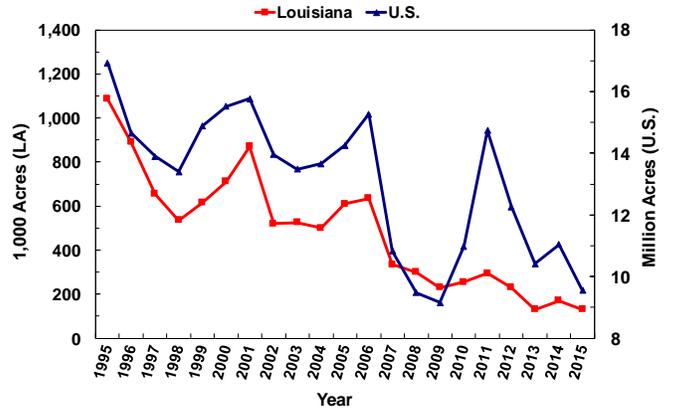
¹ Intended plantings in 2015 as indicated by reports from producers.

² Intended area for harvest in 2015 as indicated by reports from producers.

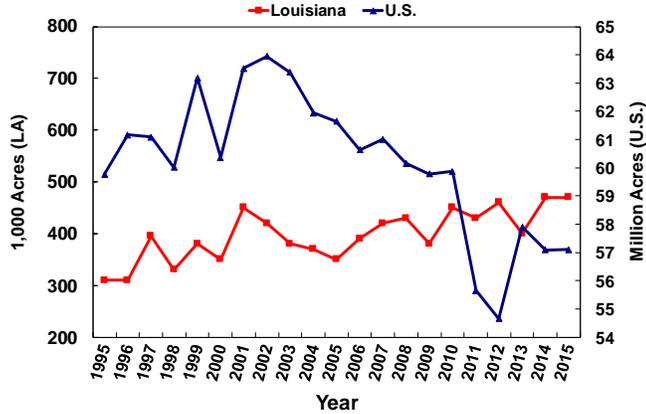
Corn: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1995-2015



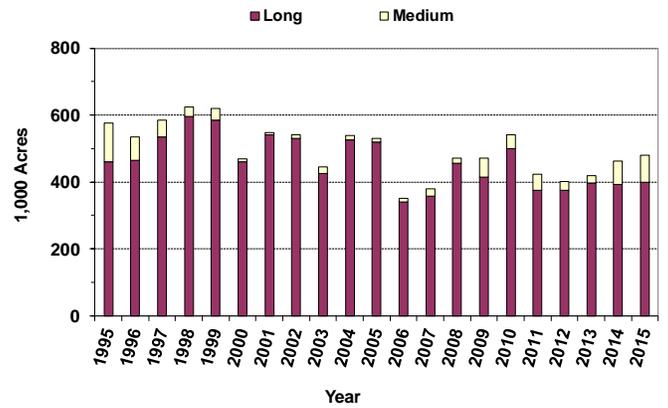
All Cotton: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1995-2015



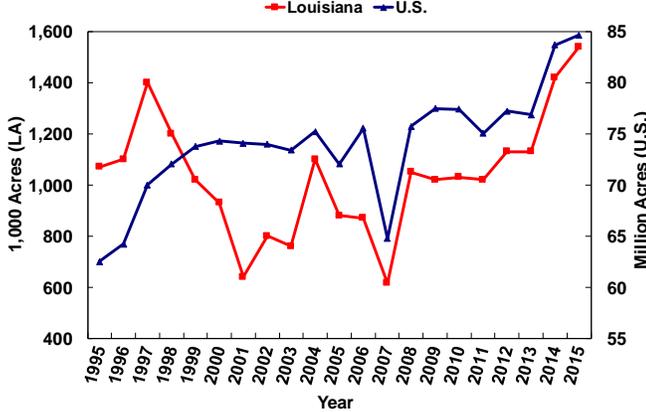
All Hay: Area Harvested, Louisiana and U.S., 1995-2015



Rice: Area Planted, Louisiana, 1995-2015



Soybeans: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1995-2015



All Wheat: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1995-2015

