



Louisiana Prospective Plantings Report

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This report contains the results from the **2016 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.

Corn Acreage Highest Since 2007 Soybean Acreage Down 20 Percent from Last Year Wheat Acreage Lowest in the Last 37 Years

Corn: Louisiana corn growers intend to plant 730,000 acres, up 83 percent from last year's 400,000 acres.

Cotton: All cotton acreage intentions are at 150,000 acres, up 30 percent from last year's 115,000 acres.

Hay All: All hay acres expected to be harvested in Louisiana are estimated at 400,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2015.

Rice: Intended planted acres for all rice for 2016 are 440,000 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year's 420,000 acres. Long grain rice acres are up 55,000 acres from last year while medium grain acres are down 35,000 acres from a year ago.

Sorghum: Sorghum growers intend to plant 66,000 acres, down 14 percent from last year.

Soybeans: Soybean growers intend to plant 1.15 million acres in 2016, down 20 percent from last year.

Sugarcane: The first 2016 estimate of sugarcane acreage for harvest will be available on June 30, 2016.

Sweet Potato: Sweet potato growers intend to plant 10,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Winter Wheat: Wheat acreage in Louisiana is down 64 percent from last year to an estimated 40,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2016. If realized, this will be the lowest acres since 1979 when the state planted 38,000 acres.

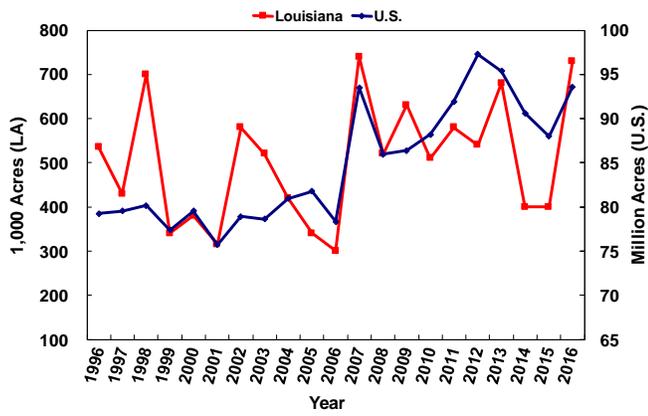
Principal Crops: Area Planted, Louisiana and United States, 2015-2016

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2015	2016 ¹	2016/2015	2015	2016 ¹	2016/2015
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn	400	730	183	87,999	93,601	106
Cotton, All	115	150	130	8,580.5	9,562.0	111
Hay, All ²	430	400	93	54,437	54,305	100
Rice, All	420	440	105	2,614	3,064	117
Long Grain	355	410	115	1,874	2,452	131
Medium Grain	65	30	46	703	581	83
Sorghum	77	66	86	8,459	7,216	85
Soybeans	1,430	1,150	80	82,650	82,236	99
Sweet Potatoes	10	10	100	156.9	169.4	108
Wheat, All	110	40	36	54,644	49,559	91

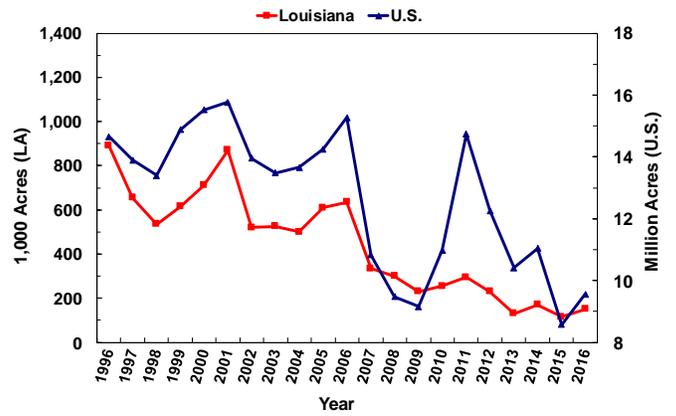
¹ Intended plantings in 2016 as indicated by reports from producers.

² Intended area for harvest in 2016 as indicated by reports from producers.

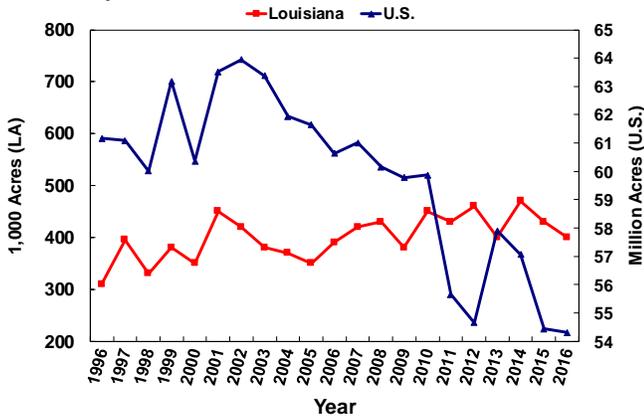
Corn: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1996-2016



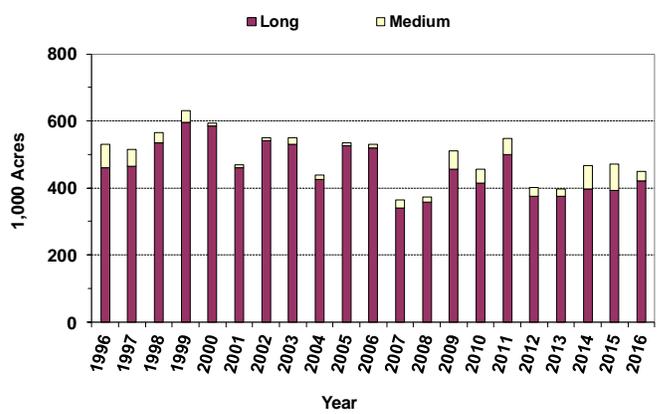
All Cotton: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1996-2016



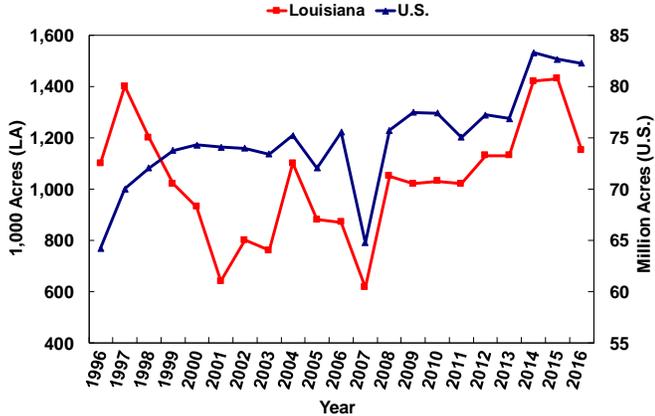
All Hay: Area Harvested, Louisiana and U.S., 1996-2016



Rice: Area Planted, Louisiana, 1996-2016



Soybeans: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1996-2016



All Wheat: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1996-2016

