



# Louisiana Prospective Plantings Report

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This report contains the results from the **2017 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 Highest Since 2012**  
**All Rice Acreage Down 8 Percent From 2016**  
**Soybean Acreage Up 14 Percent From 2016**  
**Wheat Acreage Lowest On Record**

**Corn:** Louisiana corn growers intend to plant 500,000 acres, down 19 percent from last year's 620,000 acres.

**Cotton:** All cotton acreage intentions are at 190,000 acres, up 36 percent from last year's 140,000 acres.

**Hay, All:** All hay acres expected to be harvested in Louisiana are estimated at 360,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2016.

**Rice:** Intended planted acres for all rice for 2017 are 400,000 acres, down 8 percent from the previous year's 437,000 acres. Long grain rice acres are down 38,000 acres from last year, while medium grain acres are up 1,000 acres from a year ago.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum growers intend to plant 25,000 acres, down 52 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acres since 1965, when 17,000 acres were planted.

**Soybeans:** Soybean growers intend to plant 1.40 million acres in 2017, up 14 percent from last year.

**Sugarcane:** The first 2017 estimate of sugarcane acreage for harvest will be available on June 30, 2017.

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

**Winter Wheat:** Wheat acreage in Louisiana is down 20 percent from last year to an estimated 20,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2017. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acres on record dating back to 1955.

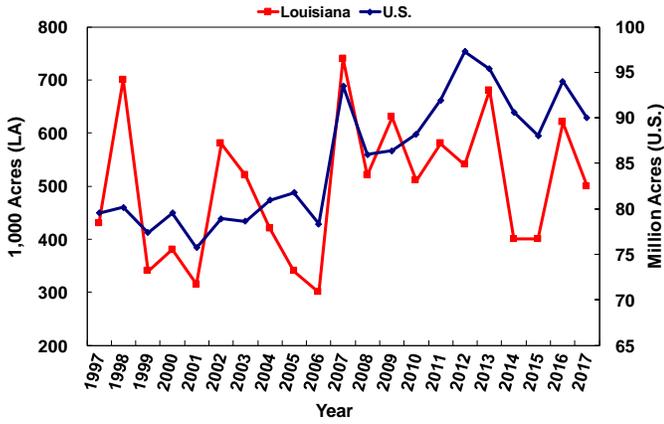
**Principal Crops: Area Planted, Louisiana and United States, 2016-2017**

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2016	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2017/2016	2016	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2017/2016
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn	620	500	81	94,004	89,996	96
Cotton, All	140	190	136	10,074.5	12,233.0	121
Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	380	360	95	53,461	52,811	99
Rice, All	437	400	92	3,150	2,626	83
Long Grain	413	375	91	2,442	1,909	78
Medium Grain	24	25	104	665	666	100
Sorghum	52	25	48	6,690	5,757	86
Soybeans	1,230	1,400	114	83,433	89,482	107
Sweet Potatoes	10	10	100	168.1	158.4	94
Wheat, All	25	20	80	50,154	46,059	92

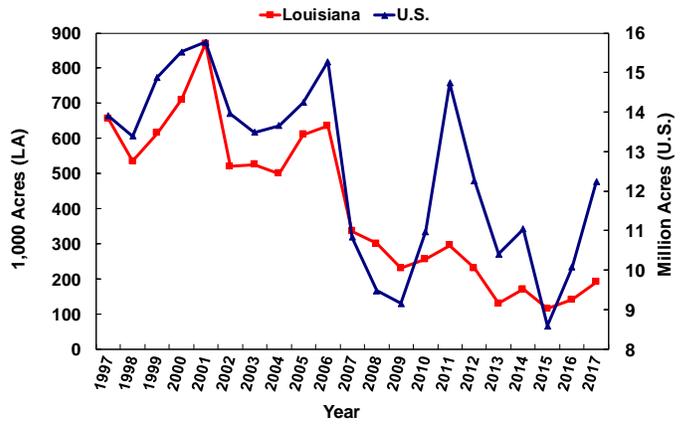
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2017 as indicated by reports from producers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area for harvest in 2017 as indicated by reports from producers.

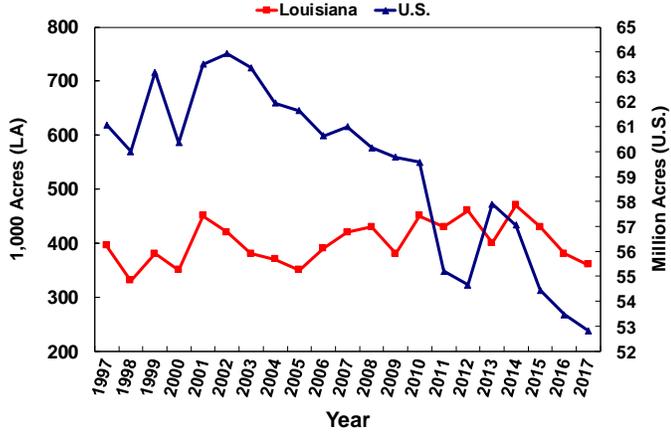
**Corn: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1997-2017**



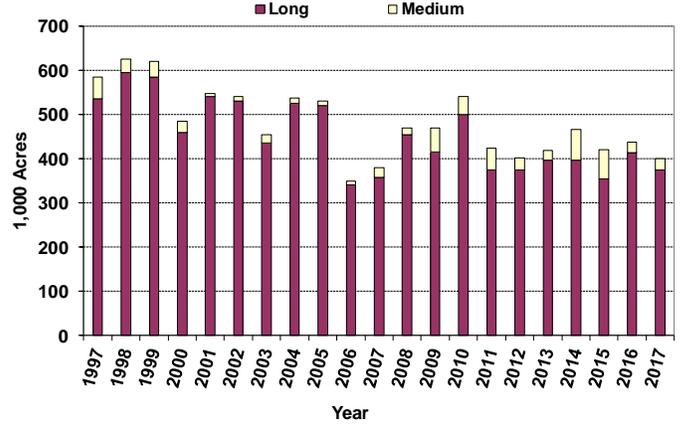
**All Cotton: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1997-2017**



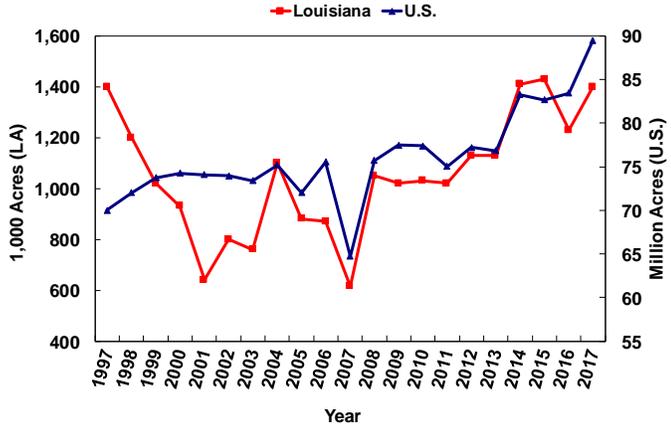
**All Hay: Area Harvested, Louisiana and U.S., 1997-2017**



**Rice: Area Planted, Louisiana, 1997-2017**



**Soybeans: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1997-2017**



**All Wheat: Area Planted, Louisiana and U.S., 1997-2017**

