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This report contains the results from the **2017 December Agricultural Survey, Rice Stocks, and Grain Stocks Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

**2017 Louisiana Crop Production Annual Summary**

**Corn:** Area harvested for grain is 490,000 acres, down 11 percent from 2016. The average yield is estimated at 184 bushels per acre, up 19 bushels from last year and a record yield for the State. Production totaled 90.2 million bushels, down 1 percent from 2016.

**Cotton:** All cotton harvested acres is 217,000 acres, up 58 percent from 2016. All cotton is expected to average 907 pounds per acre, down 32 pounds per acre from 2016. Production is forecast at 410,000 bales, up 53 percent from 2016.

**Hay:** All hay harvested is 370,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2016. The average yield is estimated at 2.60 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton per acre from last year. Production totaled 962,000 tons, down 13 percent from 2016.

**Rice:** All rice acres harvested is 395,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2016. The all rice average yield is estimated at 6,710 pounds per acre, up 80 pounds per acre from last year. Production totaled 26.5 million hundredweight, down 7 percent from 2016.

**Sorghum:** Area harvested for grain is 13,000 acres, down 72 percent from 2016 and the lowest harvested acres since 1965. The average yield is estimated at 91 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year. Production totaled 1.18 million bushels, down 75 percent from 2016 and will be the lowest production since 1980.

**Soybeans:** Area harvested for soybeans is 1.25 million acres, up 5 percent from 2016. The average yield is estimated at 54 bushels per acre, up 5.5 bushels from last year. Production totaled 67.5 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2016.

**Sugarcane:** Area harvested for sugar and seed is 440,000 acres, up 2 percent from 2016. The average yield is estimated at 31.40 net tons per acre, up 2.60 net tons from last year. Production totaled 13.8 million net tons for sugar and seed, up 11 percent from 2016.

**Sweet Potatoes:** Area harvested for sweet potatoes is 9,500 acres, unchanged from 2016. The average yield is estimated at 230 hundredweight per acre, up 70 hundredweight per acre from last year. Production totaled 2.19 million hundredweight, up 44 percent from 2016.

**Winter Wheat:** Area seeded to winter wheat is forecasted to decrease 25 percent from the previous year to 15,000 acres. This will be the lowest planted acres on record.

**Principal Crops Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - Louisiana and United States: 2016 and 2017**

Crop	Unit	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
		2016 (1,000 acres)	2017 (1,000 acres)	2016 (per acre)	2017 (per acre)	2016 (1,000 units)	2017 (1,000 units)
<b>Louisiana</b>							
Corn for grain	bushels	550.0	490.0	165.00	184.00	90,750.0	90,160.0
Cotton, all	<sup>1</sup>	137.0	217.0	939.00	907.00	268.0	410.0
Hay, all	tons	380.0	370.0	2.90	2.60	1,102.0	962.0
Rice, all	<sup>2</sup>	428.0	395.0	6,630.00	6,710.00	28,390.0	26,503.0
Long grain	<sup>2</sup>	405.0	366.0	6,660.00	6,720.00	26,973.0	24,595.0
Medium grain	<sup>2</sup>	23.0	29.0	6,160.00	6,580.00	1,417.0	1,908.0
Sorghum for grain	bushels	46.0	13.0	102.00	91.00	4,692.0	1,183.0
Soybeans for beans	bushels	1,190.0	1,250.0	48.50	54.00	57,715.0	67,500.0
Sugarcane	net tons	431.0	440.0	28.80	31.40	12,413.0	13,816.0
Sweet potatoes	cwt	9.5	9.5	160.00	230.00	1,520.0	2,185.0
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for grain	bushels	86,748.0	82,703.0	174.60	176.60	15,148,038.0	14,604,067.0
Cotton, all	<sup>1</sup>	9,507.8	11,348.9	867.00	899.00	17,169.9	21,263.0
Hay, all	tons	53,481.0	53,784.0	2.52	2.44	134,995.0	131,455.0
Rice, all	<sup>2</sup>	3,097.0	2,374.0	7,237.00	7,507.00	224,145.0	178,228.0
Long grain	<sup>2</sup>	2,403.0	1,748.0	6,927.00	7,314.00	166,465.0	127,850.0
Medium grain	<sup>2</sup>	651.0	587.0	8,377.00	8,155.00	54,533.0	47,867.0
Sorghum for grain	bushels	6,163.0	5,045.0	77.90	72.10	480,261.0	363,832.0
Soybeans for beans	bushels	82,696.0	89,522.0	52.00	49.10	4,296,086.0	4,391,553.0
Sugarcane	net tons	903.1	892.9	35.60	36.10	32,118.0	32,243.0
Sweet potatoes	cwt	163.3	159.3	193.00	224.00	31,546.0	35,646.0

<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.  
<sup>2</sup> Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).



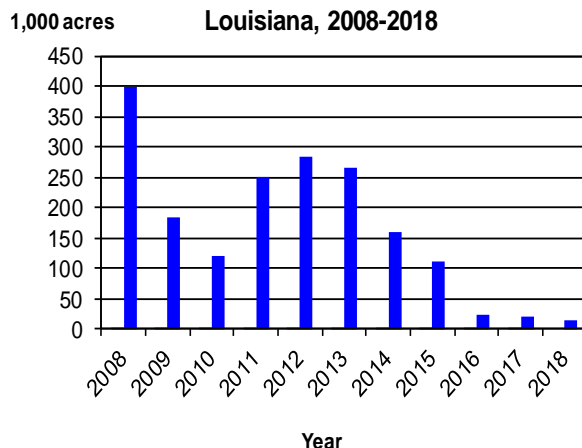
### Winter Wheat: Area Seeded - Delta Region, Top 5 States, and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	2017	2018 <sup>1</sup>	2018/2017
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(Percent)
Arkansas*	200	170	85
Colorado	2,250	2,150	96
Kansas	7,600	7,800	103
<b>Louisiana*</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>75</b>
Mississippi*	45	35	78
Montana	1,750	1,550	89
Oklahoma	4,500	4,100	91
Texas	4,700	5,000	106
United States	32,696	32,608	100

\* Delta Region.

<sup>1</sup> Forecasted as of December 1, 2017.

### Winter Wheat: Area Seeded Louisiana, 2008-2018



### Rice Stocks by Position - States and United States: December 1, 2016 and 2017

Class & State	On Farms		Off Farms <sup>1</sup>		Total, all positions		
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2017/2016
	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(1,000 Cwt)	(Percent)
<b>Rough Rice</b>							
Arkansas	23,300	17,000	52,702	42,887	76,002	59,887	79
California	3,625	3,120	38,125	28,159	41,750	31,279	75
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>8,236</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>18,936</b>	<b>12,165</b>	<b>64</b>
Mississippi	5,000	1,700	1,790	1,484	6,790	3,184	47
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	7,244	5,061	70
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	9,607	8,098	84
United States	48,595	31,570	111,734	88,104	160,329	119,674	75
<b>Milled Rice</b>							
Arkansas	-	-	1,919	3,192	1,919	3,192	166
California	-	-	2,239	1,926	2,239	1,926	86
<b>Louisiana</b>	-	-	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>(D)</b>
Mississippi	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	-	-	503	524	503	524	104
United States	-	-	5,795	6,702	5,795	6,702	116

- Represents zero.

<sup>(D)</sup> Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

### Grain Stocks by Position - Louisiana and United States: December 1, 2016 and 2017

Crop	On Farms		Off Farms <sup>1</sup>		Total, all positions		
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2017/2016
	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(1,000 Bushels)	(Percent)
<b>Louisiana</b>							
Corn	(D)	(D)	45,424	42,166	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oats	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sorghum	(D)	(D)	600	440	(D)	(D)	(D)
Soybeans	(D)	(D)	11,488	13,329	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wheat, all	(D)	(D)	4,724	5,727	(D)	(D)	(D)
<b>United States</b>							
Corn	7,611,000	7,739,000	4,772,471	4,777,406	12,383,471	12,516,406	101
Oats	30,430	23,300	45,058	43,504	75,488	66,804	88
Sorghum	43,000	33,800	266,079	192,216	309,079	226,016	73
Soybeans	1,335,000	1,485,000	1,564,056	1,672,020	2,899,056	3,157,020	109
Wheat, all	571,280	393,180	1,508,080	1,480,364	2,079,360	1,873,544	90

<sup>(D)</sup> Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

### Hay Stocks On Farms - Delta Region, Surrounding States, and United States: December 1, 2016 and 2017

State	2016	2017	2017/2016
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(Percent)
Alabama	1,050	1,550	148
Arkansas*	1,950	1,800	92
<b>Louisiana*</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>79</b>
Mississippi*	900	970	108
Missouri	5,350	5,100	95
Oklahoma	5,700	4,800	84
Tennessee	3,050	3,000	98
Texas	10,000	7,300	73
United States	95,837	86,246	90

\* Delta Region.