



Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2017 Cotton Objective Yield and Louisiana Sugar Mills Surveys*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Delta Region Cotton Forecasted Production Up from Last Year

As of December 1, **Arkansas all cotton** production is forecast at 1.06 million bales, unchanged from the November 1 forecast but up 220,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,162 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month but up 87 pounds from 2016. Harvested acreage is estimated at 438,000 acres, up 63,000 acres from 2016.

Louisiana all cotton production is forecast at 420,000 bales, down 30,000 bales from the November 1 forecast but up 152,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 938 pounds per harvested acre, down 67 pounds from last month and down 1 pound from 2016. Harvested acreage is estimated at 215,000 acres, up 78,000 acres from 2016.

Mississippi all cotton production is forecast at 1.41 million bales, down 90,000 bales from the November 1 forecast but up 329,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,083 pounds per harvested acres, down 69 pounds from last month and down 124 pounds from 2016. Harvested acreage is estimated at 625,000 acres, up 195,000 acres from 2016.

United States all cotton production is forecast at 21.4 million bales, up 63,000 bales from November and up 4.27 million bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 902 pounds per harvested acre, up 35 pounds from last year. Producers expect to harvest 11.4 million acres, up 1.90 million acres from 2016.

**All Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
Delta Region, Selected States and U.S., 2016, and Forecasted December 1, 2017**

State	Area Harvested		Yield		Production ¹	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds per Acre</i>		<i>1,000 Bales</i>	
Arkansas	375	438	1,075	1,162	840	1,060
Louisiana	137	215	939	938	268	420
Mississippi	430	625	1,207	1,083	1,081	1,410
Missouri	266	297	1,021	1,172	566	725
Oklahoma	290	555	1,021	951	617	1,100
Tennessee	250	340	1,104	1,031	575	730
Texas	5,215.0	5,812.5	749	787	8,133	9,526
United States	9,507.8	11,405.2	867	902	17,169.9	21,440.0

¹ 480-Lb Net Weight Bales.

Louisiana Sugarcane Forecasted Production Up 11 Percent From 2016

Louisiana sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 13.8 million net tons, up 2 percent from the November 1 forecast and up 11 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 31.4 net tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from last month and up 2.6 tons from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 440,000 acres, up 9,000 acres from 2016.

United States production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed in 2017 is forecast at 32.1 million net tons, up slightly from 2016. Expected yield for sugar and seed is forecast at 36.0 net tons per acre, unchanged from the November forecast but up 0.4 ton from the previous year. Producers intend to harvest 893,400 acres for sugar and seed, down 9,700 acres from 2016.

**Sugarcane: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
Louisiana, Selected States, and U.S., 2016 and Forecasted December 1, 2017**

State	Area Harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Tons per Acre</i>		<i>1,000 Tons</i>	
For sugar and seed:						
Louisiana	431.0	440.0	28.8	31.4	12,413	13,816
Florida	417.0	412.0	40.5	40.9	16,904	16,851
Hawaii	15.5	NA	86.2	NA	1,336	NA
Texas	39.6	41.4	37.0	35.2	1,465	1,457
United States	903.1	893.4	35.6	36.0	32,118	32,124

¹Net Tons.

NA= Not Available.