



Louisiana Crop and Stocks Report

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This report contains the results from the **2018 December Agricultural, Rice Stocks, and Grain Stocks surveys**. The data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in more detailed reports at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys.

2018 Louisiana Crop Production Annual Summary

Louisiana **corn** area harvested for grain is 450,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2017. The average yield is estimated at 173 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year. Production totaled 77.9 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2017.

Upland cotton harvested acres is 192,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2017. Upland cotton is expected to average 1,025 pounds per acre, up 131 pounds per acre from 2017. Production is estimated at 410,000 bales, up 1 percent from 2017.

All hay harvested is 380,000 acres, down 5 percent from 2017. The average yield is estimated at 2.20 tons per acre, down 0.40 ton per acre from last year. Production totaled 836,000 tons, down 20 percent from 2017.

All rice acres harvested is 436,000 acres, up 10 percent from 2017. The all rice average yield is estimated at 7,130 pounds per acre, up 420 pounds per acre from last year. Production totaled 31.1 million hundredweight, up 17 percent from 2017.

Sorghum area harvested for grain is 6,000 acres, down 54 percent from 2017 and the lowest harvested acres since 1965. The average yield is estimated at 84 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last year. Production totaled 504,000 bushels, down 57 percent from 2017 and is the lowest production since 1980.

Soybean area harvested is 1.20 million acres, down 4 percent from 2017. The average yield is estimated at 52 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year. Production totaled 62.4 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2017.

Area harvested for **sugarcane** (sugar and seed) is 457,200 acres, up 2 percent from 2017. The average yield is estimated at 34.90 net tons per acre, up 2.10 net tons from last year. Production totaled 16.0 million net tons for sugar and seed, up 8 percent from 2017.

Sweet potato area harvested 8,300 acres, down 13 percent from 2017. The average yield is estimated at 265 hundredweight per acre, up 35 hundredweight per acre from last year. Production totaled 2.20 million hundredweight, up 1 percent from 2017.

Area seeded to **winter wheat** is forecasted to increase 67 percent from the previous year to 25,000 acres.

Principal Crops Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - Louisiana and United States: 2017 and 2018

Crop	Unit	Area harvested		Yield		Production	
		2017 (1,000 acres)	2018 (1,000 acres)	2017 (per acre)	2018 (per acre)	2017 (1,000 units)	2018 (1,000 units)
Louisiana							
Corn for grain	bushels	490.0	450.0	184.00	173.00	90,160	77,850
Cotton, upland	1	217.0	192.0	894.00	1,025.00	404	410
Hay, all	tons	400.0	380.0	2.60	2.20	1,040	836
Rice, all	2	395.0	436.0	6,710.00	7,130.00	26,503	31,094
Long grain	2	366.0	392.0	6,720.00	7,160.00	24,595	28,067
Medium grain	2	29.0	44.0	6,580.00	6,880.00	1,908	3,027
Sorghum for grain	bushels	13.0	6.0	91.00	84.00	1,183	504
Soybeans for beans	bushels	1,250.0	1,200.0	54.00	52.00	67,500	62,400
Sugarcane	net tons	449.6	457.2	32.80	34.90	14,744	15,968
Sweet potatoes	cwt	9.5	8.3	230.00	265.00	2,185	2,200
United States							
Corn for grain	bushels	82,733.0	81,740.0	176.60	176.40	14,609,407	14,420,101
Cotton, upland	1	10,850.0	10,283.0	895.00	821.00	20,223	17,596
Hay, all	tons	52,777.0	52,839.0	2.43	2.34	128,207	123,600
Rice, all	2	2,374.0	2,915.0	7,507.00	7,692.00	178,228	224,211
Long grain	2	1,748.0	2,181.0	7,314.00	7,517.00	127,850	163,956
Medium grain	2	587.0	693.0	8,155.00	8,274.00	47,867	57,339
Sorghum for grain	bushels	5,044.0	5,061.0	71.70	72.10	361,871	364,986
Soybeans for beans	bushels	89,542.0	88,110.0	49.30	51.60	4,411,633	4,543,883
Sugarcane	net tons	904.1	908.2	36.80	38.30	33,238	34,754
Sweet potatoes	cwt	159.3	144.4	224.00	190.00	35,646	27,378

¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

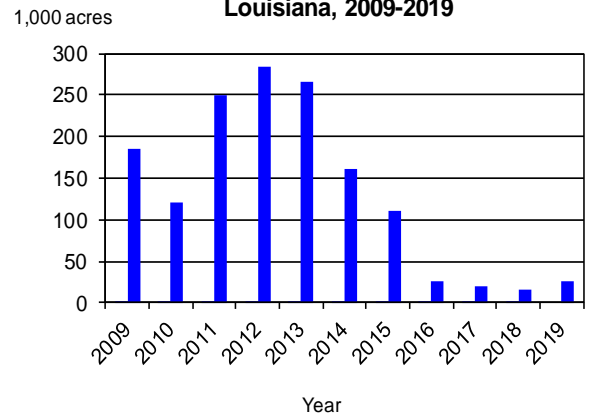
² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded - Selected States and United States: 2018 and 2019

State	2018	2019 ¹	2019/2018
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Arkansas	175	120	69
Colorado	2,250	2,250	100
Kansas	7,700	7,200	94
Louisiana	15	25	167
Mississippi	55	55	100
Montana	1,650	1,800	109
Oklahoma	4,400	4,200	95
Texas	4,500	4,500	100
United States	32,535	31,290	96

¹ Forecasted as of December 1, 2018.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded Louisiana, 2009-2019



Rice Stocks by Position – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018

Class & State	On farms		Off farms ¹		Total all positions		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018/2017
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(percent)
Rough Rice							
Arkansas	17,000	20,800	42,887	45,499	59,887	66,299	111
California	3,120	3,325	28,159	32,581	31,279	35,906	115
Louisiana	6,200	6,300	5,965	9,061	12,165	15,361	126
Mississippi	1,700	3,000	1,484	1,508	3,184	4,508	142
Missouri	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	5,061	8,070	159
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,098	8,573	106
United States	31,570	40,115	88,104	98,602	119,674	138,717	116
Milled Rice							
Arkansas	(X)	(X)	3,192	1,244	3,192	1,244	39
California	(X)	(X)	1,926	1,231	1,926	1,231	64
Louisiana	(X)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	(X)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Missouri	(X)	(X)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(X)	(X)	524	406	524	406	77
United States	(X)	(X)	6,702	3,961	6,702	3,961	59

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

² Includes State data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Grain Stocks by Position - Louisiana and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018

Crop	On farms		Off farms ¹		Total all positions		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2018/2017
	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(percent)
Louisiana							
Corn	(D)	(D)	42,166	39,478	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oats	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sorghum	(D)	(D)	476	498	(D)	(D)	(D)
Soybeans	(D)	(D)	13,329	16,309	(D)	(D)	(D)
Wheat, all	(D)	(D)	5,727	4,473	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States							
Corn	7,739,000	7,451,000	4,827,501	4,501,444	12,566,501	11,952,444	95
Oats	23,300	25,410	43,166	41,824	66,466	67,234	101
Sorghum	33,800	36,800	193,692	209,528	227,492	246,328	108
Soybeans	1,485,000	1,935,000	1,675,679	1,801,212	3,160,679	3,736,212	118
Wheat, all	394,180	503,980	1,479,335	1,495,304	1,873,515	1,999,284	107

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Hay Stocks On Farms - Selected States and United States: December 1, 2017 and 2018

State	2017	2018	2018/2017
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(percent)
Alabama	1,550	1,750	113
Arkansas	1,950	1,570	81
Louisiana	660	500	76
Mississippi	970	840	87
Missouri	5,100	4,200	82
Oklahoma	4,550	4,400	97
Tennessee	2,850	3,120	109
Texas	6,900	4,850	70
United States	84,422	79,055	94