



Louisiana Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2017 August Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Record Corn Yield Forecasted for Louisiana
Soybean, Cotton and Sugarcane Forecasted Production Up from Last Year
Corn, Rice, Hay and Sorghum Forecasted Production Down from Last Year**

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 87.4 million bushels, down 4 percent from 2016. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 192 bushels per acre, up 27 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 460,000 acres of corn for grain, down 90,000 acres from 2016.

All cotton production is forecast at 400,000 bales, up 49 percent, or 132,000 more bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 985 pounds per harvested acre, up 46 pounds from 2016. Producers expect to harvest 195,000 acres of cotton, a 58,000 acre increase from 2016.

Hay production is forecast at 962,000 tons, down 13 percent from 2016. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.6 tons per acre, down 0.3 ton per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 370,000 acres of all hay, down 10,000 acres from 2016.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 27.6 million hundredweight, down 3 percent from last year's production of 28.4 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2017 is forecast at 7,000 pounds per acre, up 370 pounds from last year. Producers expect to harvest 394,000 acres of rice, down 34,000 acres from 2016.

Sorghum for grain production in 2017 is forecast at 1.23 million bushels, down 74 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 95 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from 2016. Area for grain harvest, at 13,000 acres, is down 33,000 acres from 2016.

Soybeans production in 2017 is forecast at 66.8 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 53 bushels per acre, up 4.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.26 million acres, is up 70,000 acres from 2016.

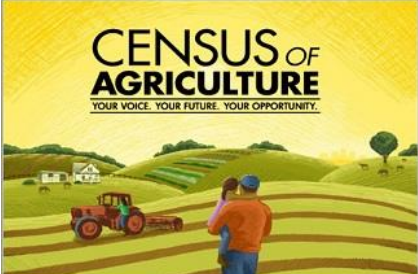
Sugarcane production is forecast at 12.9 million net tons, up 4 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 30.4 net tons per acre, up 1.6 net tons per acre from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 425,000 acres, down 6,000 acres from 2016.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2016 and Forecasted August 1, 2017

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Louisiana							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	550	460	165	192	90,750	87,400
Cotton, All	¹	137	195	939	985	268	400
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	380	370	2.90	2.60	1,102	962
Rice, All	²	428	394	6,630	7,000	28,390	27,580
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	46	13	102	95	4,692	1,235
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	1,190	1,260	48.5	53	57,715	66,780
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	431	425	28.8	30.4	12,413	12,920
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	86,748	83,496	174.6	169.5	15,148,038	14,152,966
Cotton, All	¹	9,507.8	11,053.3	867	892	17,169.9	20,545.0
Hay, All	Tons	53,461	53,518	2.52	2.48	134,781	132,594
Peanuts	Pounds	1,547	1,773	3,675	4,190	5,684,610	7,428,600
Rice, All	²	3,097	2,482	7,237	7,513	224,145	186,467
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	6,163	5,311	77.9	69.6	480,261	369,406
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	82,736	88,731	52.1	49.4	4,306,671	4,381,053
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	Net Tons	903.1	873.5	35.6	36.5	32,118	31,841
Winter Wheat	Bushels	30,222	25,760	55.3	50.0	1,671,532	1,287,133

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



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



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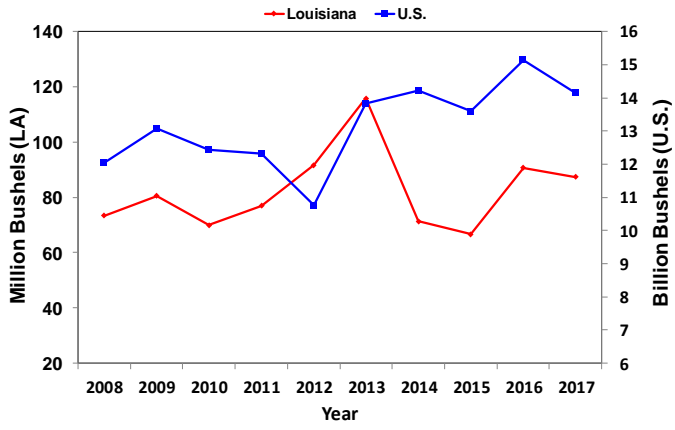
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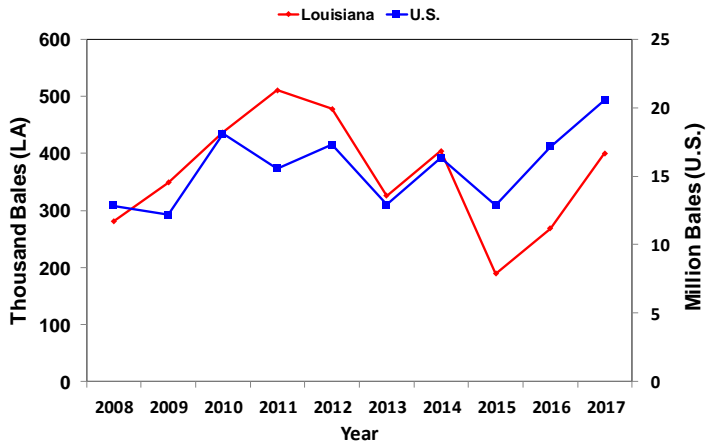



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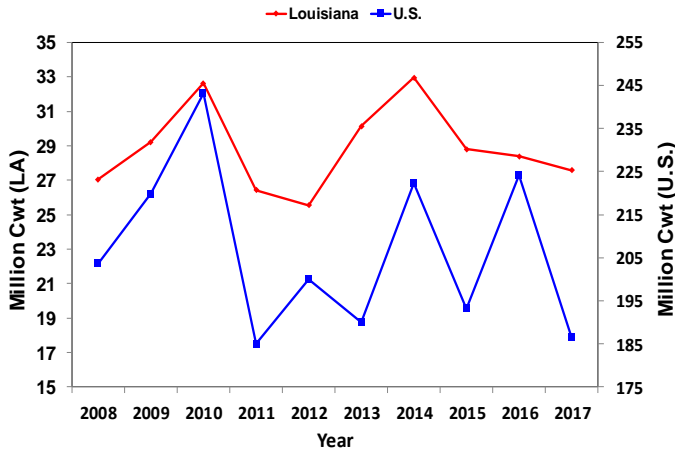
Corn: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2008-2017¹



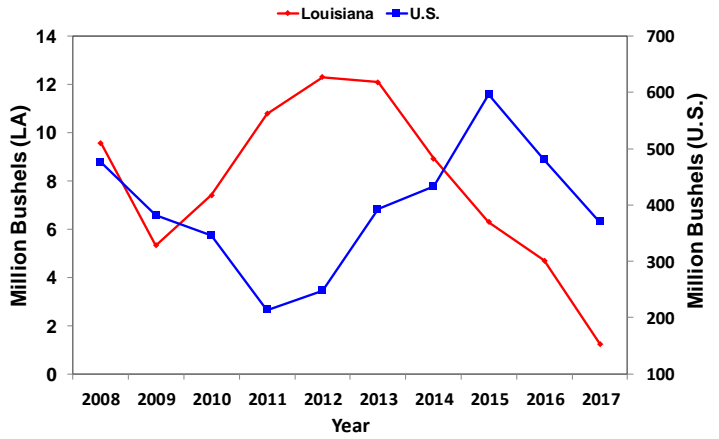
Cotton: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2008-2017¹



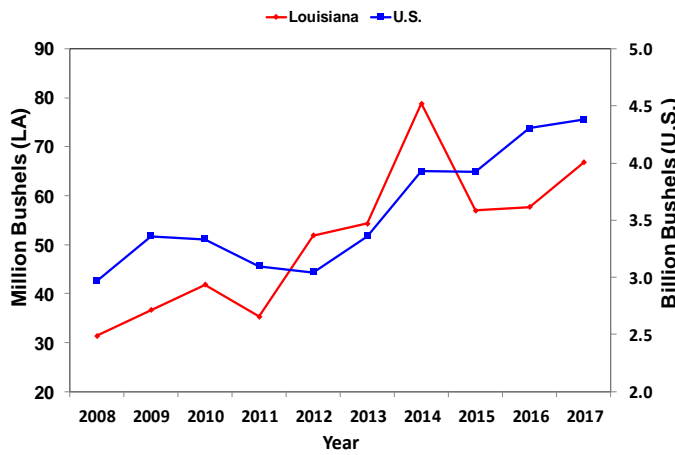
Rice: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2008-2017¹



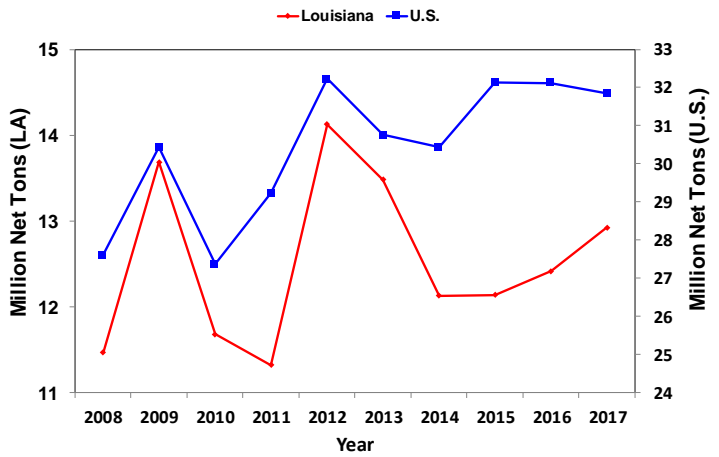
Sorghum: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2008-2017¹



Soybean: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2008-2017¹



Sugarcane: Production, Louisiana and U.S. 2008-2017¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2017 as of August 1, 2017.