



Louisiana Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2017 September 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.

Special Note:

Hurricane Harvey made landfall on Friday, August 25 near Rockport, Texas. The resulting rainfall caused flooding in parts of southeastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana. As a result, data collection activities for the September Crop Production report were impacted in these areas and the full impact of this weather event may not be fully reflected in this report. Therefore, NASS will collect harvested acreage information in both Texas and Louisiana for a number of crops in preparation for the October Crop Production report. Harvested acreage information will be collected from all producers surveyed in Louisiana for corn, Upland cotton, rice, sorghum, soybeans, and sugarcane; and in Texas for corn, Upland cotton, alfalfa hay, other hay, rice, sorghum, and soybeans.

Cotton, Soybean and Sugarcane Forecasted Production Up from Last Year Corn, Rice and Sorghum Forecasted Production Down from Last Year

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 85.1 million bushels, down 4 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 6 percent from 2016. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average 185 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from last month but up 20 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 460,000 bales, up 60,000 bales from the August 1 forecast and 192,000 bales above last year. Yield is expected to average 1,027 pounds per harvested acre, up 42 pounds from last month and up 88 pounds from 2016. Planted acreage is revised to 220,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from June 2017. Harvested acreage is revised from 195,000 acres to 215,000 acres.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 27.7 million hundredweight, up slightly from the August 1 forecast but down 3 percent from last year's production of 28.4 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of September 1, the all rice yield for 2017 is forecast at 7,000 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month but up 370 pounds from 2016. Planted acreage is unchanged from June 2017. Breakdowns by grain lengths are: long grain planted area is 370,000 acres and medium grain planted area is 30,000 acres. Harvested acreage for all rice is revised to 395,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from last month.

Sorghum for grain production in 2017 is forecast at 1.17 million bushels, down 5 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 75 percent from a year ago. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 90 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from last month and down 12 bushels from 2016. Area for grain harvest, at 13,000 acres, is down 33,000 acres from 2016.

Soybean production in 2017 is forecast at 65.5 million bushels, down 2 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 14 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 52 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month but up 3.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.26 million acres, is up 70,000 acres from 2016.

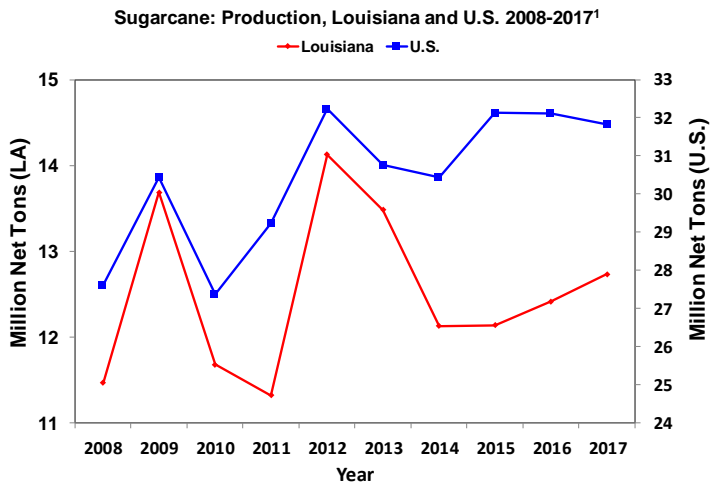
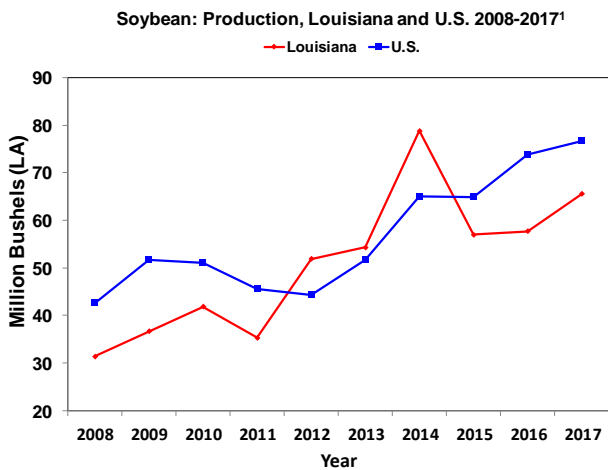
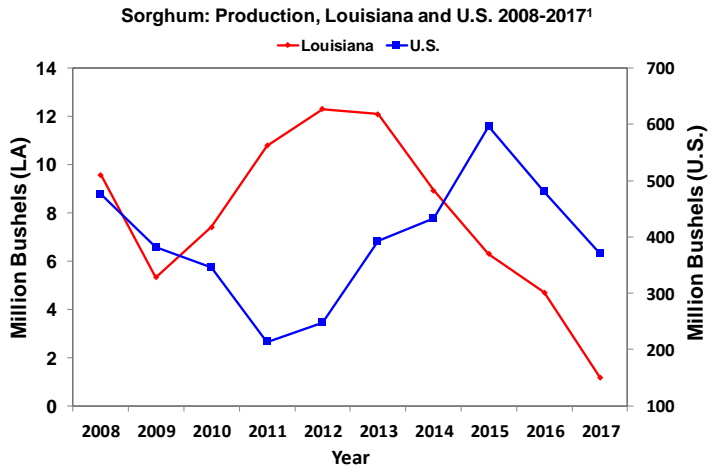
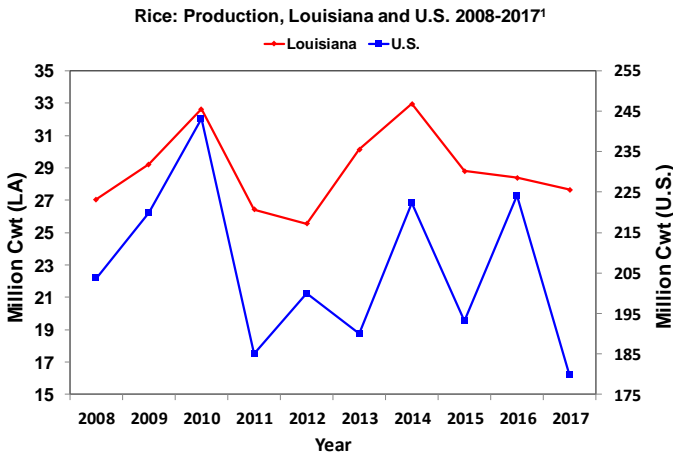
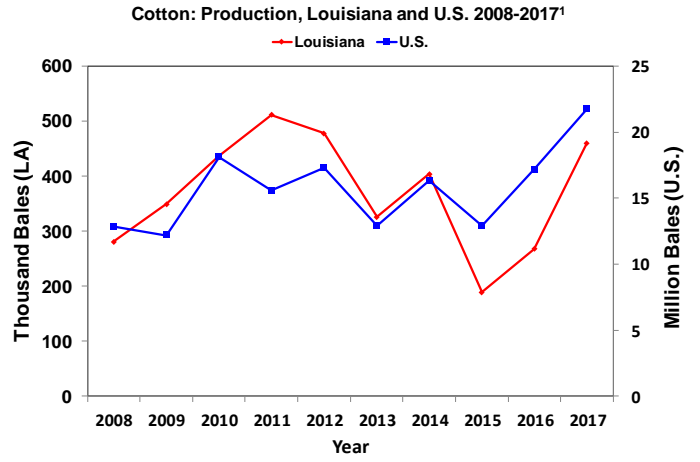
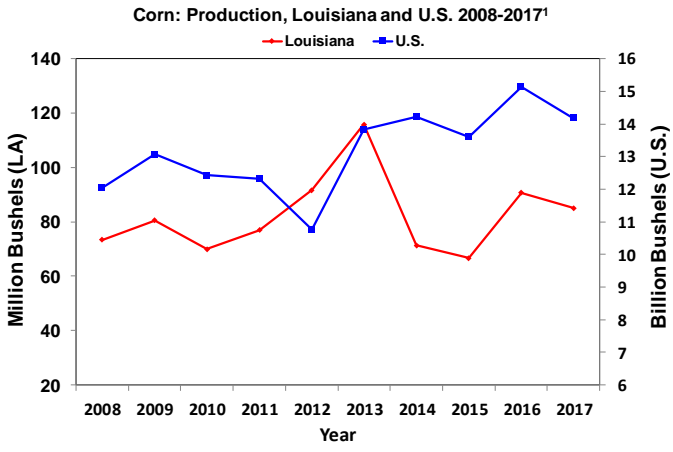
Sugarcane production is forecast at 12.7 million net tons, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast but up 3 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 29.6 net tons per acre, down 0.8 ton from last month but up 0.8 net ton from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 430,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2016.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Louisiana and U.S., 2016 and Forecasted September 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	<i>Bushels</i>	550	460	165	185	90,750	85,100
Cotton, All	¹	137	215	939	1,027	268	460
Rice, All	²	428	395	6,630	7,000	28,390	27,650
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	46	13	102	90	4,692	1,170
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	1,190	1,260	48.5	52	57,715	65,520
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	431	430	28.8	29.6	12,413	12,728
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	86,748	83,496	174.6	169.9	15,148,038	14,184,466
Cotton, All	¹	9,507.8	11,505.2	867	908	17,169.9	21,758.0
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,547	1,829	3,675	4,254	5,684,610	7,781,200
Rice, All	²	3,097	2,395	7,237	7,504	224,145	179,729
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	6,163	5,311	77.9	69.8	480,261	370,671
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	82,736	88,731	52.1	49.9	4,306,671	4,431,043
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	903.1	882.0	35.6	36.1	32,118	31,818

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

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



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



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