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Louisiana 2007 Crop Acreage and Production

Louisiana farmers had a phenomenal year for several crops, setting state record yields in 2007 for cotton, corn, soybeans, rice, and sweet potatoes. Crop yields were helped by several factors: a wet spring, new seed varieties, and favorable weather during harvest. On the down side, Louisiana's 2007 cotton planted acreage was the lowest in the last 32 years.

Cotton production is estimated at 690,000 bales, down 44 percent from 2006. The 2007 planted acreage was estimated at 335,000 acres, down 47 percent from the previous year. An estimated 330,000 acres were harvested, down 48 percent from 2006. Yield per acre was 1,004 pounds, up 58 pounds from 2006. This is the highest yield in the state's history.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 12.6 million net tons, up 6 percent from 2006. Production for sugar is estimated at 11.7 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 900,000 net tons. An estimated 420,000 total acres were harvested, down 3 percent from 2006. An estimated 390,000 acres were harvested for sugar and the remaining 30,000 for seed. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 30.0 net tons per acre, up 2.7 tons from the 2006 yield.

Louisiana's soybean production is estimated at 24.8 million bushels, down 16 percent from 2006. Total planted acreage was 605,000 acres, down 30 percent from 2006. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 590,000 acres, down 30 percent from the previous year. Yield was a record 42 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from the 35 bushels per acre record yield set in 2006.

Louisiana's all rice production is estimated at 23.2 million cwt, up 16 percent from 2006. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 21.8 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 1.4 million cwt. Planted acreage for rice in the state was estimated at 380,000 acres, up 9 percent from the previous year. An estimated 378,000 acres of rice were harvested, up 10 percent from 2006. The statewide yield averaged 6,140 pounds per acre, the highest yield on record, surpassing the previous record of 5,900 pounds per acre set in 2005.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 120.5 million bushels, up 197 percent from 2006. The state planted and harvested acreage estimates for 2007 were 740,000 acres and 730,000 acres, respectively, both up 440,000 acres from 2006. Yield per acre set a new state record, at 165 bushels, up 25 bushels from 2006 and up 17 bushels from the previous record set in 2001.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 23.8 million bushels, compared to 8.4 million in 2006. Total planted acreage was estimated at 250,000 acres, of which 245,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 97 bushels, was up 1 bushel from 2006.

Louisiana's sweet potato production is estimated at 2.9 million cwt, up 31 percent from 2006. An estimated 16,000 acres were planted in 2007, down 11 percent from 2006. Harvested acreage was estimated at 15,000 acres, up 11 percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 195 cwt per acre, the highest yield in the state's history. This is 30 cwt more than last year and 20 cwt more than the previous record, 175 cwt, set in 2003.

All hay production in Louisiana 2007 is estimated at 1.2 million tons, up 23 percent from 2006. An estimated 400,000 acres were harvested in 2007, up 10,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 3.0 tons per acre, up 0.5 ton from 2006. This ties the state record yield set in 2004.

Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2007, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Yield	Prod.	2006	2007
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	290	730	140	165	bushels	bushels	40,600	120,450
Corn, Silage	5	5	14	19	tons	tons	70	95
Cotton, Lint, All	630	330	946	1,004	pounds	bales ¹	1,241	690
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	400	227
Hay, All (baled)	390	400	2.5	3.0	bushels	bushels	975	1,200
Rice, Long Grain	335	355	5,820	6,150	tons	tons	19,497	21,833
Rice, Medium	10	23	5,960	6,040	pounds	cwt	596	1,389
Rice, All	345	378	5,820	6,140	pounds	cwt	20,093	23,222
Sorghum, Grain	87	245	96	97	bushels	bushels	8,352	23,765
Sorghum, Silage	1	1	10	12	tons	tons	10	12
Soybeans	840	590	35	42	bushels	bushels	29,400	24,780
Sugarcane, Sugar	405	390	27.3	30	net tons	net tons	11,057	11,700
Sugarcane, Seed	30	30	27.3	30	net tons	net tons	819	900
Sugarcane, All	435	420	27.3	30	net tons	net tons	11,876	12,600
Sweet Potatoes	13.5	15.0	165	195	cwt	cwt	2,228	2,925
Wheat, Winter	105	220	53	54	bushels	bushels	5,565	11,880

United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2007, with Comparisons

Commodity	Acreage Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Unit		Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Yield	Prod.	2006	2007
	-----Thousand Acres-----		-----Units-----				-----Thousand Units-----	
Corn, Grain	70,648	86,542	149.1	151.1	bushels	bushels	10,534,868	13,073,893
Corn, Silage	6,477	6,071	16.2	17.5	tons	tons	105,129	106,328
Cotton, Lint, All	12,731.5	10,492.2	814	871	pounds	bales ¹	21,587.2	19,033.0
Cottonseed ²	---	---	---	---	tons	tons	7,347.9	6,596.0
Hay, All (baled)	60,927	61,625	2.34	2.44	tons	tons	142,336	150,304
Rice, Long Grain	2,186	2,052	6,689	6,689	pounds	cwt	146,214	142,182
Rice, Medium	574	630	7,631	7,631	pounds	cwt	43,802	51,184
Rice, All	2,821	2,748	6,868	6,868	pounds	cwt	193,736	197,456
Sorghum, Grain	4,937	6,805	56.2	74.2	bushels	bushels	277,538	504,993
Sorghum, Silage	347	399	13.4	15.6	tons	tons	4,642	6,206
Soybeans	74,602	62,820	42.7	41.2	bushels	bushels	3,188,247	2,585,207
Sugarcane, Sugar	846.6	831.7	33.0	35.0	net tons	net tons	27,962	29,101
Sugarcane, Seed	51.1	51.8	31.4	33.5	net tons	net tons	1,602	1,733
Sugarcane, All	897.7	883.5	32.9	34.9	net tons	net tons	29,564	30,834
Sweet Potatoes	86.8	97.5	187	189	cwt	cwt	16,248	18,452
Wheat, Winter	31,117	35,952	41.7	42.2	bushels	bushels	1,298,081	1,515,989

¹ 480-pound net weight bale.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Corn stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2007, at 41.7 million bushels, were up 84 percent from December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Soybeans stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2007, totaled 12.4 million bushels, up 12 percent from December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

All wheat stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2007, totaled 4.66 million bushels, down 44 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2007

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn				
On-Farm			5,627,000	6,530,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>22,673</u>	<u>41,702</u>	<u>3,305,707</u>	<u>3,738,599</u>
Total			8,932,707	10,268,599
Sorghum				
On-Farm			38,100	51,400
Off-Farm ²	<u>2,184</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>174,094</u>	<u>238,302</u>
Total			212,194	289,702
Soybeans				
On-Farm			1,461,000	1,100,000
Off-Farm ²	<u>11,135</u>	<u>12,417</u>	<u>1,240,366</u>	<u>1,229,405</u>
Total			2,701,366	2,329,405
All-Wheat				
On-Farm			403,250	289,540
Off-Farm ²	<u>8,273</u>	<u>4,662</u>	<u>911,408</u>	<u>838,371</u>
Total			1,314,658	1,127,911

¹ Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Rough rice stocks in all positions on December 1, 2007, totaled 16.0 million cwt, up 8 percent from the total on December 1, 2006. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 9.1 million cwt, compared to 7.8 million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 6.99 million cwt, down 2 percent from last year.

Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2006	7,800	7,080	14,880
March 1, 2007	3,800	4,924	8,724
August 1, 2007	150	1,636	1,786
December 1, 2007	9,050	6,991	16,041

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

United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2006	52,420	97,706	150,126
March 1, 2007	28,015	76,145	104,160
August 1, 2007	1,220	33,713	34,933
December 1, 2007	48,250	102,815	151,065
	<u>Milled Rice</u>		
December 1, 2006	---	4,004	4,004
March 1, 2007	---	4,560	4,560
August 1, 2007	---	3,111	3,111
December 1, 2007	---	5,269	5,269

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

Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 400,000 acres of winter wheat for 2008, up 70 percent from the previous year. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2008 is estimated at 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2007. Seeding began last August behind the 5-year average pace and remained behind until mid-November due to a lack of moisture in the Great Plains during much of the seeding period. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1 with the exception of some intended acres in the Southeast and California. Seeding was completed by the end of December in California. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated at 44 percent good to excellent compared with 53 percent the previous year.

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Winter Wheat Seedings

Selected States	Area Planted			2008/2007 Percent
	2006	2007	2008	
	-----1,000 Acres-----			
Arkansas	365	820	870	106
Kansas	9,800	10,400	9,900	95
Louisiana	115	235	400	170
Mississippi	85	370	400	108
Texas	5,550	6,200	6,000	97
United States	40,575	44,987	46,610	104

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