



Cooperating with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry  
Louisiana Field Office · 5825 Florida Blvd · Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 922-1362 · (225)922-0744 FAX www.nass.usda.gov/la

#### **HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT**

September 1, 2008 Crop Prospects  
State Rankings: Harvested acres, 2007  
State Rankings: Crop Production, 2007  
Cash Receipts from Sales, 2007

### **Louisiana Crop Prospects**

Hurricane Gustav hit Louisiana's farmers hard across most of the state. Although all crops took a hit from the hurricane, the total damage is still being assessed and we will have a better perspective on the crop damage next month.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 460,000 bales, down 15 percent from the August 1 estimate and down 34 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production since 1980, when the state also produced 460,000 bales. Acreage of cotton expected for harvest is forecast at 285,000 acres, down 45,000 acres from a year ago. The expected yield per acre, at 775 pounds, is down 134 pounds from the August 1 forecast and down 242 pounds from 2007.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 10.9 million net tons, down 4 percent from the previous month and down 14 percent from last year. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed is forecast at 405,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 27 net tons per acre, down 1 net ton from the August 1 estimate and down 3.4 net tons from last year.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 26.5 million cwt, up 11 percent from the previous month and up 14 percent from 2007. Estimated production is up from last month as rice harvested acreage was revised to 465,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from the June 1 estimate. Yield per acre is forecast at 5,700 pounds, down 200 pounds from previous month and down 440 pounds from last year's record yield.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 31.0 million bushels in Louisiana, down 6 percent from the August 1 estimate but up 25 percent from 2007. An estimated 970,000 acres will be harvested, up 380,000 acres from 2007. Yield is forecast at 32 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from the previous month and down 10 bushels from last year's record yield.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 75.0 million bushels, down 3 percent from the previous month's estimate and down 38 percent from last year. An estimated 500,000 acres will be harvested for grain, down 230,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 150 bushels, is down 5 bushels from last month and down 15 bushels from last year's record yield.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 8.8 million bushels in the state, down 2 percent from the August 1 estimate and down 63 percent from 2007. Acreage to be harvested for grain is

forecast at 95,000 acres, down 150,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 93 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month and down 4 bushels from a year ago.

### **United States Crop Prospects**

**All Cotton** production is forecast at 13.8 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but down 28 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 849 pounds per harvested acre, up 7 pounds from last month but down 30 pounds from the record yield in 2007. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 1 percent from last month but 27 percent below 2007. Producers in Texas are expecting increased yields from last month, while Georgia producers expect lower yields due to the effects of Tropical Storm Fay. Upland growers in Arkansas and Oklahoma are expecting record high yields, surpassing the records set in 2004 and 2007, respectively. American-Pima production is forecast at 459,000 bales, down 46 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 9.4 million acres of all cotton and 7.7 million acres of upland cotton, both down 25 percent from last year and the lowest harvested acreage since 1983.

**Sugarcane** production for sugar and seed in 2008 is forecast at 30.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up fractionally from last year. Expected production increases from last year in Florida, Hawaii and Texas offset a projected decrease in Louisiana. Producers intend to harvest 868,500 acres for sugar and seed during the 2008 crop year, unchanged from the August forecast but 11,100 acres below last year. Expected yield is forecast at 34.6 net tons per acre, down 0.4 ton from the August forecast but up 0.5 ton from last year. Yields were unchanged from last month in all states except Louisiana, where the yield forecast decreased by 1 ton.

**Rice** production is forecast at 207 million cwt, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 5 percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area is revised to 2.9 million acres, up 2 percent from the June estimate and up 6 percent from 2007. Area for harvest is expected to total 2.9 million acres, up 2 percent from August and up 6 percent from 2007. As of September 1, the U.S. yield is forecast at 7,076 pounds per acre, down 40 pounds from the previous month's forecast and 109 pounds below the 2007 record yield of 7,185 pounds per acre. However, if realized, this will be the second highest yield on record. Record yields are forecast for Arkansas, Missouri and Texas.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.9 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 13 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 1.2 bushels from 2007. Compared with last

month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in the Mid-Atlantic States, the central and eastern Corn Belt, Louisiana, Nebraska and South Dakota. Yields increased or are unchanged from the August 1 forecast across the Southeast and the remainder of the Great Plains. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 17 percent from 2007.

**Corn** production is forecast at 12.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and 8 percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 152.3 bushels per acre, down 2.7 bushels from August but 1.2 bushels above last year. If realized, yield will be the second highest on record, behind 2004 and production will be the second largest, behind last year. Yield forecasts are lower than last month across the northern and eastern Corn Belt and the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys where the lack of rainfall during August reduced soil moisture supplies and stressed the crop. Yield prospects also decreased across much of the middle

Mississippi Valley and adjacent areas of the Great Plains as dry weather during August eliminated soil moisture surpluses.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 426 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 6.4 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 5 percent from 2007. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 66.1 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from last month but down 8.1 bushels from last year. In Kansas, the top producing state, yield is expected to average 76 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last month but down 4 bushels from last year. In Texas, the second leading state, yields are expected to average 52 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month but 14 bushels below last year.

### CROP REPORT – LOUISIANA September 1, 2008

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
Corn for grain	730	<b>500</b>	165	<b>150</b>	bushels	120,450	<b>75,000</b>
Upland Cotton	330	<b>285</b>	1,017	<b>775</b>	lbs: bales	699	<b>460</b>
Rice	378	<b>465</b>	6,140	<b>5,700</b>	lbs: cwt	23,222	<b>26,505</b>
Sorghum for grain	245	<b>95</b>	97	<b>93</b>	bushels	23,765	<b>8,835</b>
Soybeans	590	<b>970</b>	42	<b>32</b>	bushels	24,780	<b>31,040</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	420	<b>405</b>	30.4	<b>27.0</b>	net tons	12,768	<b>10,935</b>
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	400	<b>440</b>	3.0	<b>2.8</b>	tons	1,200	<b>1,232</b>

### CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES September 1, 2008

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008		2007	2008
Corn for grain	86,542	<b>79,290</b>	151.1	<b>152.3</b>	bushels	13,073,893	<b>12,072,365</b>
Upland Cotton	10,201	<b>7,660</b>	864	<b>839</b>	lbs: bales	18,355	<b>13,387</b>
Rice	2,748	<b>2,924</b>	7,185	<b>7,076</b>	lbs: cwt	197,456	<b>206,914</b>
Sorghum for grain	6,805	<b>6,442</b>	74.2	<b>66.1</b>	bushels	504,993	<b>425,572</b>
Soybeans	62,820	<b>73,341</b>	41.2	<b>40.0</b>	bushels	2,585,207	<b>2,933,888</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	879.6	<b>868.5</b>	34.1	<b>34.6</b>	net tons	29,969	<b>30,015</b>
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	61,625	<b>60,439</b>	2.44	<b>2.45</b>	tons	150,304	<b>147,955</b>

<sup>1</sup>Estimates carried forward from an earlier forecast.

**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:  
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2007**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	20
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	MS	TN	NC	AL	MO	<b>LA</b>	CA	9
All Rice	AR	CA	<b>LA</b>	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	<b>LA</b>	NE	OK	AR	CO	SD	MS	MO	3
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	OH	NE	SD	ND	AR	18
Sugarcane	<b>LA</b>	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	MS	<b>LA</b>	CA	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		3
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	TX	OK	SD	CO	WA	NE	MN	27
<b>Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested<sup>1</sup></b>	IA	IL	ND	KS	TX	MN	NE	SD	MO	IN	27

<sup>1</sup> Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet, sugarbeets, all hay, tobacco and sugarcane. Includes double cropped acres.

**State Rankings - Crop Production, Selected Crops:  
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2007**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	OH	KS	MO	WI	18
Upland Cotton	TX	AR	GA	MS	NC	MO	<b>LA</b>	CA	TN	AZ	7
All Rice	AR	CA	<b>LA</b>	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	<b>LA</b>	NE	AR	OK	MO	MS	SD	IL	3
Soybeans for Beans	IA	IL	MN	IN	OH	NE	MO	SD	ND	AR	17
Sugarcane	FL	<b>LA</b>	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	MS	<b>LA</b>	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	ND	KS	MT	SD	TX	WA	OK	CO	NE	ID	25

### Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2007

Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	498,156,000	18.4
2	Sugarcane	371,332,000	13.7
3	Corn	309,032,000	11.4
4	Cotton	271,629,000	10.0
5	Rice	231,893,000	8.6
6	Cattle & Calves	193,891,000	7.2
7	Soybeans	179,609,000	6.6
8	Aquaculture	133,427,000	4.9
9	Sorghum	68,969,000	2.5
10	Dairy Products	68,680,000	2.5
	All Other Commodities	383,606,000	14.2
	<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>2,710,224,000</b>	

*The Louisiana Farm Reporter (USPS-0056-7670) is published semi-monthly (twice a month) by the USDA-NASS Louisiana Field Office, 5825 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. Subscription is free to respondents and cooperators, \$10.00 annually to all others, and is available from the above address. Postmaster: send changes of address to Louisiana Farm Reporter, P. O. Box 65038, Baton Rouge, LA 70896-5038*

**Internet Access:**

\*For free automatic e-mail subscriptions to this publication, go to our homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and click on "Subscribe to LA reports" on the right hand side of the page. Choose the reports you want to receive, and complete the form.

PRST STD  
 US POSTAGE PAID  
 MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 39205  
 PERMIT NO. G-38



USDA-NASS Louisiana Field Office  
 (225) 922-1362  
 5825 Florida Blvd., P O Box 65038  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70896-5038