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Five Louisiana Crops Set Record Yields in 2007

“Louisiana farmers had a phenomenal year for several crops, setting state record yields in 2007 for cotton, corn, soybeans, rice, and sweet potatoes,” said Nathan Crisp, Director of the Louisiana Field Office of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. 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,” Crisp added.

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. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is estimated at 18.2 million bales, down 13 percent from the 2006 production.

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. U.S. production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2007 is estimated at 30.8 million tons, 4 percent above the previous year’s 29.6 million tons.

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. U.S. soybean production is estimated at 2.6 billion bushels, down 19 percent from last year.

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. U.S. production is estimated at 197 million cwt, up 2 percent from the record crop in 2006.

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. U.S. corn production is estimated at 13.1 billion bushels, up 24 percent from 2006.

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. U.S. production of sorghum in 2007 is estimated at 505 million bushels, 82 percent above 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. This U.S. production is estimated at 18.5 million cwt, up 14 percent from the previous year.

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. U.S. production is estimated at 150 million tons, up 6 percent from the 2006 total.

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2007 CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA
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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007	
Corn for grain	290	730	140	165	bushels	40,600	120,450	+197
Corn, Silage	5	5	14	19	tons	70	95	+36
Rice, all	345	378	5,820	6,140	lbs: cwt	20,093	23,222	+16
Rice, Long Grain	335	355	5,820	6,150	lbs: cwt	19,497	21,833	+12
Rice, Medium	10	23	5,960	6,040	lbs: cwt	596	1,389	+133
Upland Cotton	630	330	946	1,004	lbs: bales	1,241	690	-44
Sorghum for grain	87	245	96	97	bushels	8,352	23,765	+185
Sorghum, Silage	1	1	10	12	tons	10	12	+20
Soybeans	840	590	35	42	tons	29,400	24,780	-16
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	435	420	27.3	30	net tons	11,876	12,600	+6
Sugarcane, Sugar	405	390	27.3	30	net tons	11,057	11,700	+6
Sugarcane, Seed	30	30	27.3	30	net tons	819	900	+10
Sweet Potatoes	13.5	15.0	165	195	cwt	2,228	2,925	+31
Hay, all	390	400	2.5	3.0	bushels	975	1,200	+23

2007 CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES
January 1, 2008

CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007	
Corn for grain	70,648	86,542	149.1	151.1	bushels	10,534,868	13,073,893	+24
Corn, Silage	6,477	6,071	16.2	17.5	tons	105,129	106,328	+1
Rice, all	2,821	2,748	6,868	7,185	lbs: cwt	193,736	197,456	+2
Rice, Long Grain	2,186	2,052	6,689	6,929	lbs: cwt	146,214	142,182	-3
Rice, Medium	574	630	7,631	8,124	lbs: cwt	43,802	51,184	+17
Upland Cotton	12,408	10,204	806	857	lbs: bales	20,822	18,208	-13
Sorghum for grain	4,937	6,805	56.2	74.2	bushels	277,538	504,993	+82
Sorghum, Silage	347	399	13.4	15.6	tons	4,642	6,206	+34
Soybeans	74,602	62,820	42.7	41.2	bushels	3,188,247	2,585,207	-19
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	897.7	883.5	32.9	34.9	net tons	29,564	30,834	+4
Sugarcane, Sugar	846.6	831.7	33.0	35.0	net tons	27,962	29,101	+4
Sugarcane, Seed	51.1	51.8	31.4	33.5	net tons	1,602	1,733	+8
Sweet Potatoes	86.8	97.5	187	189	cwt	16,248	18,452	+14
Hay, all	60,927	61,625	2.34	2.44	bushels	142,336	150,304	+6

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