

2005 Louisiana Crop Acreage & Production - January

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## Louisiana Rice and Sorghum Crops Set New Records For 2005

“Although early season indications looked very promising for several of Louisiana’s crops to set records, rice and sorghum were the only crops that were able to fulfill that promise,” said Nathan Crisp, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s, Louisiana Field Office. Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, along with the drought, held other crops back. “All of the effects of Katrina and Rita weren’t felt in 2005,” Crisp added. “We’ll have to wait and see what effect the salt water will have, especially on sugarcane and rice in 2006 and future years.”

**Cotton** production is estimated at 1,120,000 bales, up 27 percent from 2004. The state planted and harvested acreage estimates for 2005 were 610,000 acres and 600,000 acres, respectively, both up 22 percent from 2004. Yield per acre was 896 pounds, up 29 pounds from 2004. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is estimated at a record high 23.1 million bales, up 2 percent from last year’s production.

Production of **sorghum for grain** is estimated at 8.7 million bushels, compared to 5.2 million in 2004. Total planted acreage was estimated at 90,000 acres, of which 88,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 99.0 bushels, was up 34 bushels from 2004. This is the highest yield ever recorded in Louisiana. U.S. production of 2005 crop sorghum is estimated at 394 million bushels, 13 percent below 2004.

**All rice** production is estimated at 30.98 million cwt, up 8 percent from 2004. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 30.39 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 598,000 cwt. The planted acreage estimate for rice was 530,000 acres, 8,000 acres fewer than 2004. An estimated 525,000 acres of rice were harvested, down 2 percent from 2004. The statewide yield averaged 5,900 pounds per acre, the highest yield on record for Louisiana. Record keeping for rice yield began in 1895. U.S. production is estimated at 223 million cwt, down 4 percent from last year’s record crop.

**Soybean** production is estimated at 28.9 million bushels, down 12 percent from 2004. Total planted acreage was 880,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2004. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 850,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from last year. Yield was 34 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2004, tying the record yield achieved in the state in 2003. U.S. soybean production is estimated at 3.09 billion bushels, the second largest U.S. soybean crop on record.

Production of **corn for grain** is estimated at 44.9 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2004. Total planted acreage was estimated at 340,000 acres, down 19 percent from 2004. An estimated 330,000 acres were harvested for grain, down 20 percent from 2004. Yield per acre, at 136 bushels, was up 1 bushel from last year. U.S. corn production is estimated at 11.1 billion bushels, down 6 percent from 2004.

**Sugarcane** production for sugar and seed is estimated at 10.47 million net tons, down 5 percent from 2004. An estimated 455,000 acres were harvested, down 2 percent from 2004. Net yield, estimated at 23.0 tons per acre, is the lowest since 1993’s 22.8 net tons per acre. U.S. production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2005 is estimated at 27.9 million tons, 4 percent below last year’s 29.0 million tons.

**Sweet potato** production is estimated at 2.47 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2004. An estimated 18,000 acres were planted in 2005, up 13 percent from 2004. Harvested acreage was estimated at 17,000 acres, up 10 percent from last year. The statewide yield averaged 145 cwt per acre, down 5 cwt from last year’s yield. U.S. production is estimated at 15.7 million cwt, down 2 percent from last season.

**All hay** production in 2005 is estimated at 805,000 tons, down 27 percent from last year and the lowest production since 2000. An estimated 350,000 acres were harvested in 2005, down 20,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 2.3 tons per acre, down 0.7 ton from last year’s record yield. U.S. production is estimated at 151 million tons, down 5 percent from the 2004 total.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	
Corn for grain	410	<b>330</b>	135	<b>136</b>	bushels	55,350	<b>44,880</b>	-19
Upland Cotton	490	<b>600</b>	867	<b>896</b>	lbs: bales	885	<b>1,120</b>	+27
Rice	533	<b>525</b>	5,390	<b>5,900</b>	lbs: cwt	28,730	<b>30,983</b>	+8
Sorghum for grain	80	<b>88</b>	65	<b>99</b>	bushels	5,200	<b>8,712</b>	+68
Soybeans	990	<b>850</b>	33	<b>34</b>	bushels	32,670	<b>28,900</b>	-12
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	465	<b>455</b>	23.8	<b>23.0</b>	net tons	11,067	<b>10,465</b>	-5
Sweet Potatoes	15.5	<b>17.0</b>	150	<b>145</b>	cwt	2,325	<b>2,465</b>	+6
Hay, all	370	<b>350</b>	3.0	<b>2.3</b>	tons	1,110	<b>805</b>	-27

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005	
Corn for grain	73,631	<b>75,107</b>	160.4	<b>147.9</b>	bushels	11,807,086	<b>11,112,072</b>	-6
Upland Cotton	12,809	<b>13,434</b>	843	<b>824</b>	lbs: bales	22,505	<b>23,064</b>	+2
Rice	3,325	<b>3,364</b>	6,988	<b>6,636</b>	lbs: cwt	232,362	<b>223,235</b>	-4
Sorghum for grain	6,517	<b>5,736</b>	69.6	<b>68.7</b>	bushels	453,654	<b>393,893</b>	-13
Soybeans	73,958	<b>71,361</b>	42.2	<b>43.3</b>	bushels	3,123,686	<b>3,086,432</b>	-1
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	938.2	<b>922.9</b>	30.9	<b>30.2</b>	net tons	29,013	<b>27,897</b>	-4
Sweet Potatoes	92.8	<b>87.8</b>	174	<b>179</b>	cwt	16,112	<b>15,747</b>	-2
Hay, all	61,966	<b>61,649</b>	2.55	<b>2.44</b>	tons	158,247	<b>150,590</b>	-5

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