

2006 Louisiana Crop Acreage & Production - January

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Louisiana's 2006 Soybean Crop Sets New Record Yield

“In spite of all the varied weather conditions Louisiana’s producers faced during 2006, most crops yields were average or above,” said Nathan Crisp, Director of the Louisiana Field Office of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Soybeans set a new record yield, while corn, cotton and sorghum yields reached their second highest levels. “On the down side, Louisiana’s 2006 rice planted acreage was the lowest planted acreage on record for the state,” Crisp added. “This was largely due to the effects of the salt water from Hurricane Rita.”

Cotton production is estimated at 1.25 million bales, up 14 percent from 2005. The 2006 planted acreage was estimated at 635,000 acres, up 4 percent from the previous year. An estimated 630,000 acres were harvested, up 5 percent from 2005. Yield per acre was 952 pounds, up 74 pounds from 2005. Upland cotton production for the U.S. is estimated at 21.0 million bales, down 10 percent from 2005’s production.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is estimated at 11.75 million net tons, up 13 percent from 2005. An estimated 435,000 acres were harvested, down 4 percent from 2005. Net yield is estimated at 27.0 tons per acre, up 4.1 tons from the 2005 yield. U.S. production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2006 is estimated at 29.5 million tons, 11 percent above the previous year’s 26.6 million tons.

Soybean production is estimated at 29.4 million bushels, up 2 percent from 2005. Total planted acreage was 870,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2005. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 840,000 acres, also down 10,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 35 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from 2005, setting a new record yield for the state. U.S. soybean production is estimated at 3.19 billion bushels, the largest soybean crop on record.

All rice production is estimated at 20.1 million cwt, down 35 percent from 2005. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 19.5 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 596,000 cwt. The planted acreage estimate for rice was 350,000 acres, 180,000 acres fewer than in 2005. This is the lowest planted acres recorded in the state since record keeping began in 1929. An estimated 345,000 acres of rice were harvested, down 34 percent from 2005. The statewide yield averaged 5,820 pounds per acre, down 80 pounds from the previous year’s record yield. U.S. production is estimated at 194 million cwt, down 13 percent from the record crop in 2005.

Production of **corn for grain** is estimated at 40.6 million bushels, down 10 percent from 2005. The state planted and harvested acreage estimates for 2006 were 300,000 acres and 290,000 acres, respectively, both down 12 percent from 2005. Yield per acre, at 140 bushels, was up 4 bushels from 2005. U.S. corn production is estimated at 10.5 billion bushels, down 5 percent from 2005.

Production of **sorghum for grain** is estimated at 8.4 million bushels, compared to 8.7 million in 2005. Total planted acreage was estimated at 90,000 acres, of which 87,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 96 bushels, was down 3 bushels from 2005’s record yield. U.S. production of sorghum in 2006 is estimated at 278 million bushels, 29 percent below 2005.

Sweet potato production is estimated at 2.23 million cwt, down 10 percent from 2005. An estimated 18,000 acres were planted in 2006, unchanged from 2005. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,500 acres, down 21 percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 165 cwt per acre, up 20 cwt from 2005’s yield. U.S. production is estimated at 16.4 million cwt, up 5 percent from the previous year.

All hay production in 2006 is estimated at 975,000 tons, up 21 percent from 2005. An estimated 390,000 acres were harvested in 2006, up 40,000 acres from the previous year. Yield was 2.5 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from 2005. U.S. production is estimated at 142 million tons, down 6 percent from the 2005 total.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	
Corn for grain	330	290	136	140	bushels	44,880	40,600	-10
Upland Cotton	600	630	878	952	lbs: bales	1,098	1,250	+14
Rice, all	525	345	5,900	5,820	lbs: cwt	30,983	20,093	-35
Sorghum for grain	88	87	99	96	bushels	8,712	8,352	-4
Soybeans	850	840	34	35	bushels	28,900	29,400	+2
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	455	435	22.9	27.0	net tons	10,420	11,745	+13
Sweet Potatoes	17.0	13.5	145	165	cwt	2,465	2,228	-10
Hay, all	350	390	2.3	2.5	tons	805	975	+21

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	
Corn for grain	75,117	70,648	148.0	149.1	bushels	11,114,082	10,534,868	-5
Upland Cotton	13,534	12,408	825	811	lbs: bales	23,260	20,973	-10
Rice, all	3,364	2,821	6,636	6,868	lbs: cwt	223,235	193,736	-13
Sorghum for grain	5,736	4,937	68.5	56.2	bushels	392,933	277,538	-29
Soybeans	71,251	74,602	43.0	42.7	bushels	3,063,237	3,188,247	+4
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	921.9	908.8	28.9	32.4	net tons	26,606	29,489	+11
Sweet Potatoes	88.4	87.2	178	189	cwt	15,730	16,441	+5
Hay, all	61,729	60,807	2.45	2.33	tons	151,017	141,666	-6

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