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2011 Louisiana Crop Acreage &amp; Production - January

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## Louisiana's 2011 Rice Crop Sets Record Yield

“Good weather conditions for the growing and harvest seasons helped rice to set a statewide record in 2011,” said Nathan Crisp, Director of the Louisiana Field Office of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Office. “In addition, cotton production increased from last year due to a higher number of acres harvested. All other crops saw a slight decline in yield from 2010 due to heavy rains and flooding early in the growing season and hot, dry conditions in some areas during the summer. Louisiana’s hay yield is at 2.1 tons, the lowest since 2000, when the state averaged 1.9 tons per acre.” Crisp added.

**Cotton** production is estimated at 515,000 bales, up 18 percent from 2010. The 2011 planted acreage was estimated at 295,000 acres, up 16 percent from the previous year. An estimated 290,000 acres were harvested, up 16 percent from 2010. Yield per acre was 852 pounds, up 10 pounds from 2010. U.S. **upland cotton** production is estimated at 14.8 million bales, down 16 percent from the 2010 production.

**Sugarcane** production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 11.5 million net tons, down two percent from 2010. Production for sugar is estimated at 10.8 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 700,000 net tons. An estimated 410,000 total acres were harvested, down two percent from 2010. 385,000 acres were harvested for sugar, down one percent from last year. The remaining 25,000 acres were harvested for seed, down 17 percent from last year. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 28.0 net tons per acre, down 0.2 net ton from the 2010 yield. U.S. production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed in 2011 is estimated at 28.3 million net tons, three percent above the previous year’s 27.4 million net tons.

**Louisiana’s soybean** production is estimated at 34.3 million bushels, down 18 percent from 2010. Total planted acreage was 1,020,000 acres, down one percent from 2010. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 980,000 acres, down four percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 35 bushels per acre, down six bushels from the previous year. U.S. **soybean** production is estimated at 3.1 billion bushels, down eight percent from last year.

**Louisiana’s all rice** production is estimated at 26.4 million cwt, down 19 percent from 2010. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 23.3 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 3.1 million cwt. The planted and harvested acreage for 2011 were 423,000 and 418,000 acres, respectively, both down 22 percent from 2010. The statewide yield averaged 6,320 pounds per acre, up 220 pounds from 2010. This is the highest recorded yield in the state’s history. U.S. **all rice** production is estimated at 185 million cwt, down 24 percent from 2010.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 77.0 million bushels, up 10 percent from 2010. The 2011 planted acreage was estimated at 580,000 acres, up 14 percent from the previous year. An estimated 570,000 acres were harvested, up 14 percent from 2010. Yield per acre was set at 135 bushels, down five bushels from the previous year. U.S. **corn** production is estimated at 12.4 billion bushels, down one percent from last year.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 10.8 million bushels, compared to 7.4 million in 2010. Total planted acreage was estimated at 130,000 acres, of which 124,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 87 bushels, was down eight bushels from 2010. U.S. production of **sorghum** in 2011 is estimated at 214 million bushels, 38 percent below 2010.

**Louisiana’s sweet potato** production is estimated at 2.4 million cwt, down three percent from 2010. An estimated 14,000 acres were planted in 2011, up four percent from 2010. Harvested acreage was estimated at 13,000 acres, the same as last year. The statewide yield averaged 185 cwt per acre, down 5 cwt from 2010. U.S. **sweet potato** production is estimated at 27.0 million cwt, up 13 percent from the previous year.

**All hay** production in Louisiana in 2011 is estimated at 903,000 thousand tons, down 28 percent from 2010. An estimated 430,000 acres were harvested in 2011, down four percent from the previous year. Yield was 2.1 tons per acre, down .7 ton from 2010. U.S. **all hay** production is estimated at 131 million tons, down 10 percent from 2010.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011	
Corn for Grain	500	<b>570</b>	140	<b>135</b>	bushels	70,000	<b>76,950</b>	+10
Corn Silage	5	<b>3</b>	16	<b>12</b>	tons	80	<b>36</b>	-55
Rice, All	535	<b>418</b>	6,100	<b>6,320</b>	lbs: cwt	32,625	<b>26,430</b>	-19
Rice, Long Grain	495	<b>370</b>	6,110	<b>6,300</b>	lbs: cwt	30,245	<b>23,310</b>	-23
Rice, Medium Grain	40	<b>48</b>	5,950	<b>6,500</b>	lbs: cwt	2,380	<b>3,120</b>	+31
Upland Cotton	249	<b>290</b>	842	<b>852</b>	lbs: bales	437	<b>515</b>	+18
Sorghum for Grain	78	<b>124</b>	95	<b>87</b>	bushels	7,410	<b>10,788</b>	+46
Sorghum Silage	1	<b>1</b>	11	<b>11</b>	tons	11	<b>11</b>	---
Soybeans	1,020	<b>980</b>	41	<b>35</b>	bushels	41,820	<b>34,300</b>	-18
Sugarcane (Sugar & Seed)	420	<b>410</b>	27.8	<b>28</b>	net tons	11,676	<b>11,480</b>	-2
Sugarcane, Sugar	390	<b>385</b>	27.8	<b>28</b>	net tons	10,842	<b>10,780</b>	-1
Sugarcane, Seed	30	<b>25</b>	27.8	<b>28</b>	net tons	834	<b>700</b>	-16
Sweet Potatoes	13	<b>13</b>	190	<b>185</b>	cwt	2,470	<b>2,405</b>	-3
Hay, All	450	<b>430</b>	2.8	<b>2.1</b>	tons	1,260	<b>903</b>	-28

**2011 CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES**  
January 1, 2012

CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011		2010	2011	
Corn for Grain	81,446	<b>83,981</b>	152.8	<b>147.2</b>	bushels	12,446,865	<b>12,358,412</b>	-1
Corn Silage	5,567	<b>5,928</b>	19.3	<b>18.4</b>	tons	107,314	<b>108,926</b>	+2
Rice, All	3,615	<b>2,618</b>	6,725	<b>7,067</b>	lbs: cwt	243,104	<b>185,009</b>	-24
Rice, Long Grain	2,826	<b>1,740</b>	6,486	<b>6,691</b>	lbs: cwt	183,296	<b>116,420</b>	-36
Rice, Medium Grain	746	<b>834</b>	7,660	<b>7,861</b>	lbs: cwt	57,144	<b>65,562</b>	+15
Upland Cotton	10,497	<b>9,444</b>	805	<b>754</b>	lbs: bales	17,600	<b>14,828</b>	-16
Sorghum for Grain	4,813	<b>3,929</b>	71.8	<b>54.6</b>	bushels	345,625	<b>214,443</b>	-38
Sorghum Silage	268	<b>224</b>	12.6	<b>10.3</b>	tons	3,370	<b>2,298</b>	-32
Soybeans	76,610	<b>73,636</b>	43.5	<b>41.5</b>	bushels	3,329,181	<b>3,056,032</b>	-8
Sugarcane (Sugar & Seed)	877.5	<b>873.0</b>	31.2	<b>32.4</b>	net tons	27,360	<b>28,279</b>	+3
Sugarcane, Sugar	825.3	<b>825.5</b>	31.1	<b>32.4</b>	net tons	25,663	<b>26,705</b>	+4
Sugarcane, Seed	52.2	<b>47.5</b>	32.5	<b>33.1</b>	net tons	1,697	<b>1,574</b>	-7
Sweet Potatoes	116.9	<b>130.3</b>	204	<b>208</b>	cwt	23,845	<b>27,041</b>	+13
Hay, All	59,872	<b>55,633</b>	2.43	<b>2.36</b>	tons	145,624	<b>131,144</b>	-10

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