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Louisiana Crop Production





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This report contains the results from the **2024 October Ag Yield Survey**. These data are also posted on our web site at https://www.nass.usda.gov/la and in a more detailed report at https://www.nass.usda.gov. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Corn Yield and Production Down from September Cotton Yield and Production Down from September Rice Yield and Production Unchanged from September Soybean Yield and Production Unchanged from September Sugarcane Yield and Production Up from September

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 84.1 million bushels, down 1 percent from September 1 forecast and down 29 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 189 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month but up 14 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage for grain is estimated at 445,000 acres, down 235,000 acres from 2023.

Upland cotton production is forecast at 300,000 bales, down 30,000 bales from the September 1 forecast but 91,000 bales above last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 960 pounds per harvested acre, down 96 pounds from last month but up 88 pounds from 2023. Harvested acreage is estimated at 150,000 acres, up 35,000 acres from 2023.

Hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 1.16 million tons, up 42 percent from 2023. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 2.70 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 0.60 ton from last year. Producers expect to harvest 430,000 acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 40,000 acres from 2023.

All rice production for the state is forecast at 31.0 million hundredweight, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 1 percent from last year's production of 31.4 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2024 is forecast at 6,650 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month but down 150 pounds from last year. Producers expect to harvest 466,000 acres of rice, up 4,000 acres from 2023.

Soybean production in 2024 is forecast at 55.1 million bushels, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but up 41 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 52 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 12 bushels from last year. Harvested acreage estimated at 1.06 million acres, up 80,000 acres from 2023.

Sugarcane production is forecast at 16.7 million net tons, up slightly from the September 1 forecast and up 10 percent from a year ago. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is forecast at 32.2 net tons per acre, up 0.1 net ton from last month and up 2.1 net tons from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed is estimated at 520,000 acres, up 14,500 acres from 2023.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - Louisiana and United States: 2023 and Forecasted October 1, 2024

Crop	Unit	Area harvested		Yield			Production	
		2023	2024	2023	2024		2023	2024
					September 1	October 1	2023	2024
Louisiana		(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(per acre)	(per acre)	(per acre)	(1,000 units)	(1,000 units)
Corn, for grain	bushels	680.0	445.0	175.00	191.00	189.00	119,000	84,105
Cotton, upland	1	115.0	150.0	872.00	1,056.00	960.00	209	300
Hay, excluding alfalfa	tons	390.0	430.0	2.10	(NA)	2.70	819	1,161
Rice, all	2	462.0	466.0	6,800.00	6,650.00	6,650.00	31,431	30,989
Soybeans, for beans	bushels	980.0	1,060.0	40.00	52.00	52.00	39,200	55,120
Sugarcane, for sugar and seed	net tons	505.5	520.0	30.10	32.10	32.20	15,208	16,744
United States		(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(per acre)	(per acre)	(per acre)	(1,000 units)	(1,000 units)
Corn, for grain	bushels	86,506.0	82,710.0	177.30	183.60	183.80	15,340,520	15,203,309
Cotton, upland	1	6,301.8	8,442.6	895.00	794.00	778.00	11,750	13,685
Hay, excluding alfalfa	tons	37,187.0	35,904.0	1.85	(NA)	2.03	68,853	72,871
Rice, all	2	2,854.0	2,896.0	7,649.00	7,588.00	7,590.00	218,291	219,812
Soybeans, for beans	bushels	82,271.0	86,271.0	50.60	53.20	53.10	4,162,057	4,581,984
Sugarcane, for sugar and seed	net tons	929.6	924.0	36.30	38.20	38.30	33,766	35,368

(NA) Not available.

¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).

Corn: Production - Louisiana and United States: 2004 - 2024 Billion bushels Million bushels Louisiana United States United States Louisiana Year







