Louisiana farmers plan to plant more of the major crops this spring than they did last year, a survey earlier this year by the Agricultural Statistics Service showed.

If farmers follow through with intentions, corn acreage will go up by 9 percent, cotton acreage up by 3 percent, rice acreage up by 4 percent and soybean acreage by 12 percent.

Here are the survey findings, by crop:
- Corn, 300,000 acres projected, 25,000 more than last year, which will be the largest acreage since 1986 when Louisiana farmers planted 400,000 acres.
- Cotton, 900,000 acres, up 25,000 acres, which will be the largest acreage since 1953, when Louisiana acreage topped 1 million acres.
- Rice, 580,000 acres, up 20,000 acres.
- Soybeans, 1,150,000 acres, up 120,000 acres.
- Grain sorghum, 260,000, up 55,000 acres, 27 percent over 1991 acreage.
- Sweet potatoes, 19,000, up by 2,000 acres, a 12 percent increase.
- Wheat sown last fall for harvest this spring is estimated at 200,000 acres, down 100,000 acres from a year earlier.
- Hay for harvest is projected at 280,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 1991.

The statistics service does not estimate sugarcane acreage until June. Increases in several major crops are projected in nationwide planting plans.

If farmers plant as indicated in those projections, the nation will have 4 percent more corn acreage, at 79,007,000 acres. Rice acreage will be up by 5 percent, to 2,595,000 acres; grain sorghum acreage will be 10 percent greater, at 12,112,000 acres, and sweet potato acreage will be up 3 percent, at 83,300 acres.

The survey said U.S. upland cotton acreage will be down by 5 percent, to 13,237,000 acres, and soybean acreage will be off 3 percent, to 57,415,000 acres.