State Crop Yields
Top 1989 Figures

Based on conditions, on August 1st, yields for Louisiana field crops are above a year ago with the exception of sugarcane.

Rice production at 26,273,000 cwt is up 22% from last year. Acreage for harvest 565,000 is 17% above a year ago.

Yield per acre is forecast at a record high 4,650 pounds per acre, 220 pounds more than last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 45,900,- 000 bushels, up 37% from 1989. Acres for harvest at 1,700,000 are up 6% from last year and yield at 27 bushels is 6 bushels above a year ago.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 3,230,000 tons, down 63% from a year ago and the lowest production since 1933. Acreage for harvest is 170,- 000, down from 315,000 last year and the lowest acreage since 1928. Yield per acre is forecast at 19 tons, 6.7 tons less than last year and lowest yield since 1951. Both the low acreage and yield are a direct result of the hard freeze last Christmas.

Cotton production is forecast at a record high 1,200,000 bales, up 38% from last year. Acreage for harvest at 770,000 is up 24% over last year and the highest acreage for harvest since 1953. Yield per acre at 748 pounds is 76 pounds above 1989.

Corn production is forecast at 24,200,000 bushels, up 93% from last year. Acreage for grain at 220,000 acres is up 67% from a year ago, while yield at 110 bushels is 15 bushels above last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 5,865,000 bushels, down 5% from last year. Acreage is down 11% from 1989, but yield is forecast at a record high 69 bushels per acre, up 4 bushels from last year.

Finally, hay production is forecast at 864,000 tons, up 11% from 1989.