



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: November 1, 2007-2010

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2007 (number)	2008 (number)	2009 (number)	2010 (number)
All Cotton				
Alabama	203,950	203,150	28,100	284,500
Arizona	121,500	69,750	97,500	94,900
Arkansas	1,255,950	852,800	140,750	987,050
California	343,150	141,900	143,550	88,050
Florida	33,950	39,250	6,400	55,250
Georgia	314,300	428,800	209,450	805,950
Louisiana	516,600	265,450	122,300	406,100
Mississippi	967,900	393,050	76,600	754,600
Missouri	609,850	407,700	62,750	560,000
New Mexico	8,700	3,000	8,200	5,200
North Carolina	397,100	231,850	220,350	499,650
Oklahoma	73,500	44,050	23,950	90,900
South Carolina	67,450	72,200	58,750	128,900
Tennessee	511,650	359,600	64,250	596,500
Texas	1,601,000	807,050	897,300	2,554,050
Virginia	45,150	38,850	29,250	60,100
United States	7,071,700	4,358,450	2,189,450	7,971,700
American Pima				
Arizona	(¹)	(¹)	950	(¹)
California	155,350	74,300	74,500	33,050
New Mexico	(¹)	(¹)	650	(¹)
Texas	3,100	(¹)	5,650	(¹)
United States	162,300	74,700	81,750	35,400

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual gins.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedure: The cotton ginnings survey is an enumeration of all active gins and every effort is made to obtain a report from all ginners. Data are collected on the first and fifteenth of each month (September – January and February 1) for all estimating States while data collection begins with an August 1 survey in Texas. Ginners are asked to report the number of Upland and American Pima bales ginned prior to the data collection date. Data are collected by telephone, fax, and internet. If a completed report is not received from an active gin, the bales ginned are estimated using administrative data or imputed using current survey data for neighboring gins and the previously reported data for the imputed gin.

Estimating Procedures: Information obtained from the cotton ginnings survey is used to establish estimates of Upland and American Pima bales ginned to date. These estimates are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

Revision Policy: Cotton ginnings estimates are subject to revision in the annual report released in May of the following year and are based on a thorough review of all available data.

Reliability: Cotton ginnings estimates are based on a census of all known ginners and therefore, have no sampling variability. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing of the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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