



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2008-2011

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2008 (number)	2009 (number)	2010 (number)	2011 (number)
All cotton				
Alabama	387,550	439,800	283,300	459,200
Arizona	370,650	308,600	343,350	391,750
Arkansas	1,807,150	1,235,950	793,050	1,100,200
California	1,193,200	696,500	542,750	701,400
Florida	101,700	104,650	82,150	118,450
Georgia	1,546,300	1,502,000	1,496,300	2,103,300
Kansas	40,600	24,200	21,700	62,650
Louisiana	695,800	279,600	336,650	438,950
Mississippi	1,271,150	656,100	395,400	814,200
Missouri	785,550	698,600	521,850	712,650
New Mexico	46,700	40,600	34,850	46,100
North Carolina	763,100	731,250	728,450	940,700
Oklahoma	247,850	222,450	231,300	332,850
South Carolina	147,800	227,950	189,900	338,300
Tennessee	586,600	520,950	485,150	667,500
Texas	5,612,750	3,779,100	4,214,850	7,111,000
Virginia	95,900	103,950	111,000	108,000
United States	15,700,350	11,572,250	10,812,000	16,447,200
American Pima				
Arizona	3,000	(¹)	3,800	(¹)
California	631,000	360,600	310,450	364,300
New Mexico	8,350	(¹)	5,100	(¹)
Texas	33,700	20,350	27,100	24,250
United States	676,050	383,700	346,450	397,350

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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