



Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters. Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop
	October 1, 2008	October 1, 2009	October 1, 2010	October 1, 2011
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	10,450	(¹)	75,000	13,950
Arizona	13,850	18,000	16,050	20,950
Arkansas	37,550	-	348,050	47,800
California	-	-	-	-
Florida	1,050	-	6,000	(¹)
Georgia	37,900	(¹)	151,100	55,500
Kansas ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	-
Louisiana	71,050	18,250	205,350	223,650
Mississippi	17,600	(¹)	321,550	87,950
Missouri	12,400	-	145,650	6,600
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	1,700	1,600	92,800	34,450
Oklahoma	-	-	1,500	(¹)
South Carolina	1,950	3,550	16,900	10,900
Tennessee	18,350	-	172,050	36,450
Texas	573,550	191,000	730,400	1,222,800
Virginia	-	-	2,050	(¹)
United States	797,400	233,900	2,284,450	1,764,050
American Pima				
Arizona	-	-	-	(¹)
California	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	-	-
United States	-	-	-	(¹)

- Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual gins.

² First running bales ginned estimate will be published in the *Cotton Ginnings* publication released December 2011.

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 and December 1 in Kansas. A final survey is conducted after gins finish ginning for the season. 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 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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