



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: November 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
	November 1, 2008	November 1, 2009	November 1, 2010	November 1, 2011
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	203,150	28,100	284,500	221,200
Arizona	69,750	97,500	94,850	109,100
Arkansas	852,800	140,750	987,050	719,750
California	141,900	143,550	88,050	161,950
Florida	39,250	6,400	55,250	39,200
Georgia	428,800	209,450	806,650	684,750
Kansas ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Louisiana	265,450	122,300	406,100	485,150
Mississippi	393,050	76,600	754,400	678,500
Missouri	407,700	62,750	560,000	361,600
New Mexico	3,000	8,200	5,200	8,200
North Carolina	231,850	220,350	499,650	445,000
Oklahoma	44,050	23,950	90,900	5,550
South Carolina	72,200	58,750	128,900	112,250
Tennessee	359,600	64,250	592,750	471,100
Texas	807,050	897,300	2,532,150	1,931,050
Virginia	38,850	29,250	60,100	57,850
United States	4,358,450	2,189,450	7,946,500	6,492,200
American Pima				
Arizona	(¹)	950	-	(¹)
California	74,300	74,500	33,050	68,900
New Mexico	(¹)	650	1,000	(¹)
Texas	(¹)	5,650	1,350	(¹)
United States	74,700	81,750	35,400	71,350

- 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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