



# Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop
	December 1, 2008	December 1, 2009	December 1, 2010	December 1, 2011
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
<b>All cotton</b>				
Alabama .....	364,950	192,950	417,500	494,800
Arizona .....	185,700	220,400	247,500	275,400
Arkansas .....	1,212,150	715,550	1,099,950	1,142,200
California .....	481,050	412,450	449,200	580,500
Florida .....	91,750	48,900	102,150	100,300
Georgia .....	1,079,050	906,100	1,605,650	1,603,300
Kansas .....	8,350	3,400	30,800	30,600
Louisiana .....	279,000	315,950	438,550	513,650
Mississippi .....	639,600	365,300	810,550	1,067,600
Missouri .....	677,250	413,550	705,800	672,750
New Mexico .....	22,100	27,800	26,300	32,900
North Carolina .....	606,650	571,900	888,100	887,650
Oklahoma .....	129,300	122,500	216,300	28,800
South Carolina .....	177,700	154,050	259,500	262,350
Tennessee .....	518,100	380,800	667,100	790,750
Texas .....	2,368,200	2,937,400	5,100,600	3,098,800
Virginia .....	86,700	83,850	104,050	120,150
United States .....	8,927,600	7,872,850	13,169,600	11,702,500
<b>American Pima</b>				
Arizona .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	1,850	700	4,650
California .....	246,950	229,650	225,800	288,700
New Mexico .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	4,100	3,300	( <sup>1</sup> )
Texas .....	11,600	14,150	14,250	( <sup>1</sup> )
United States .....	259,800	249,750	244,050	312,100

<sup>1</sup> 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 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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