



# Cotton Ginnings

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## Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2009-2012

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2008 Crop	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop
	January 1, 2009	January 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	January 1, 2012
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
<b>All cotton</b>				
Alabama .....	439,800	283,300	459,200	635,950
Arizona .....	308,600	343,350	391,800	442,450
Arkansas .....	1,235,950	793,050	1,100,200	1,197,500
California .....	696,500	542,750	700,950	973,100
Florida .....	104,650	82,150	118,450	128,850
Georgia .....	1,502,000	1,496,300	2,103,100	2,244,450
Kansas .....	24,200	21,700	62,650	54,400
Louisiana .....	279,600	336,650	438,950	513,650
Mississippi .....	656,100	395,400	814,200	1,136,200
Missouri .....	698,600	521,850	712,650	761,000
New Mexico .....	40,600	34,850	46,100	54,500
North Carolina .....	731,250	728,450	935,700	1,017,450
Oklahoma .....	222,450	231,300	332,850	47,900
South Carolina .....	227,950	189,900	338,300	389,800
Tennessee .....	520,950	485,150	667,500	810,000
Texas .....	3,779,100	4,214,850	7,110,900	3,407,350
Virginia .....	103,950	111,000	108,000	137,400
United States .....	11,572,250	10,812,000	16,441,500	13,951,950
<b>American Pima</b>				
Arizona .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	3,800	3,600	10,300
California .....	360,600	310,450	364,000	515,500
New Mexico .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	5,100	5,200	( <sup>1</sup> )
Texas .....	20,350	27,100	24,250	( <sup>1</sup> )
United States .....	383,700	346,450	397,050	557,900

<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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