



Cotton Ginnings

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

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

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop
	November 1, 2009	November 1, 2010	November 1, 2011	November 1, 2012
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	28,100	284,500	221,200	181,400
Arizona	97,500	94,850	109,100	101,950
Arkansas	140,750	987,050	690,550	943,750
California	143,550	88,050	161,400	246,450
Florida	6,400	55,250	39,200	20,500
Georgia	209,450	806,650	684,750	564,650
Kansas ²	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Louisiana	122,300	406,100	485,150	408,250
Mississippi	76,600	754,400	679,350	575,050
Missouri	62,750	560,000	361,600	468,300
New Mexico	8,200	5,200	8,200	5,450
North Carolina	220,350	499,650	445,000	246,450
Oklahoma	23,950	90,900	5,550	22,450
South Carolina	58,750	128,900	112,250	61,600
Tennessee	64,250	592,750	471,100	478,600
Texas	897,300	2,532,150	1,908,150	1,983,100
Virginia	29,250	60,100	57,850	31,050
United States	2,189,450	7,946,500	6,440,400	6,339,000
American Pima				
Arizona	950	-	(¹)	(¹)
California	74,500	33,050	68,900	126,100
New Mexico	650	1,000	(¹)	(¹)
Texas	5,650	1,350	(¹)	(¹)
United States	81,750	35,400	71,350	126,500

- 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 2012.

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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