



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2010-2013

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2009 Crop	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop
	January 1, 2010	January 1, 2011	January 1, 2012	January 1, 2013
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	283,300	459,200	635,600	660,850
Arizona	343,350	391,800	440,950	410,450
Arkansas	793,050	1,100,200	1,197,500	1,244,650
California	542,750	700,950	973,100	1,016,350
Florida	82,150	118,450	128,850	111,000
Georgia	1,496,300	2,103,100	2,244,450	2,326,200
Kansas	21,700	62,650	54,400	57,550
Louisiana	336,650	438,950	513,600	475,350
Mississippi	395,400	814,200	1,136,200	907,300
Missouri	521,850	712,650	761,000	744,800
New Mexico	34,850	46,100	54,500	43,150
North Carolina	728,450	935,700	1,017,400	1,133,900
Oklahoma	231,300	332,850	47,900	106,800
South Carolina	189,900	338,300	389,800	385,250
Tennessee	485,150	667,500	809,950	731,400
Texas	4,214,850	7,110,900	3,406,700	4,814,950
Virginia	111,000	108,000	137,400	166,900
United States	10,812,000	16,441,500	13,949,300	15,336,850
American Pima				
Arizona	3,800	3,600	10,300	7,250
California	310,450	364,000	515,500	572,500
New Mexico	5,100	5,200	(¹)	5,100
Texas	27,100	24,250	(¹)	11,550
United States	346,450	397,050	557,900	596,400

¹ 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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