



Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop
	December 1, 2010	December 1, 2011	December 1, 2012	December 1, 2013
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	417,500	461,500	466,600	369,050
Arizona	247,500	275,400	261,000	214,250
Arkansas	1,099,950	1,142,200	1,226,700	712,350
California	449,200	580,500	680,350	596,900
Florida	102,150	100,300	76,100	72,150
Georgia	1,605,650	1,603,300	1,501,750	1,192,100
Kansas	30,800	30,600	36,750	(¹)
Louisiana	438,550	513,600	474,850	323,400
Mississippi	810,550	1,069,350	872,200	635,300
Missouri	705,800	670,300	714,200	409,750
New Mexico	26,300	32,900	29,500	(¹)
North Carolina	888,100	887,650	789,550	550,400
Oklahoma	216,300	28,800	80,100	55,000
South Carolina	259,500	262,350	225,700	146,350
Tennessee	667,100	790,750	718,750	345,950
Texas	5,100,600	3,098,450	4,000,750	2,564,850
Virginia	104,050	120,150	107,650	83,300
United States	13,169,600	11,668,100	12,262,500	8,304,850
American Pima				
Arizona	700	4,650	3,850	(¹)
California	225,800	288,700	363,900	369,050
New Mexico	3,300	(¹)	2,850	(¹)
Texas	14,250	(¹)	8,500	(¹)
United States	244,050	312,100	379,100	380,000

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. 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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