



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: January 1, 2011-2014

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2010 Crop	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop
	January 1, 2011	January 1, 2012	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2014
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	459,200	635,600	660,850	521,200
Arizona	391,800	440,950	410,450	348,050
Arkansas	1,100,200	1,197,500	1,244,650	699,150
California	700,950	973,100	1,011,050	798,950
Florida	118,450	128,850	111,000	113,300
Georgia	2,103,100	2,244,450	2,326,200	2,003,100
Kansas	62,650	54,400	57,550	(¹)
Louisiana	438,950	513,600	475,350	321,350
Mississippi	814,200	1,136,200	907,300	668,200
Missouri	712,650	761,000	744,800	504,600
New Mexico	46,100	54,500	43,150	(¹)
North Carolina	935,700	1,017,400	1,133,900	767,050
Oklahoma	332,850	47,900	106,800	97,650
South Carolina	338,300	389,800	385,250	271,900
Tennessee	667,500	809,950	731,350	417,050
Texas	7,110,900	3,406,700	4,810,350	3,693,000
Virginia	108,000	137,400	166,900	125,750
United States	16,441,500	13,949,300	15,326,900	11,420,550
American Pima				
Arizona	3,600	10,300	7,250	(¹)
California	364,000	515,500	567,350	501,050
New Mexico	5,200	(¹)	5,100	(¹)
Texas	24,250	(¹)	11,550	(¹)
United States	397,050	557,900	591,250	521,800

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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