



Cotton Ginnings

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Special Note:

Cotton Ginnings estimates are now available through the NASS Quick Stats database tool. Quick Stats is available on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Estimates are available beginning with September 15, 2014 and will be updated following the release of the May 2015 *Cotton Ginnings* 2014 Summary.

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop
	October 1, 2011	October 1, 2012	October 1, 2013	October 1, 2014
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	13,950	8,250	-	15,000
Arizona	20,950	20,050	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	47,800	214,000	(D)	8,250
California	(D)	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	-	-	(D)
Georgia	55,500	50,300	1,250	23,700
Kansas	(NA)	(NA)	-	-
Louisiana	223,650	131,250	44,800	43,500
Mississippi	89,300	116,650	7,600	23,650
Missouri	6,600	56,700	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
North Carolina	34,450	2,350	(D)	(D)
Oklahoma	(D)	700	-	-
South Carolina	13,550	1,400	-	(D)
Tennessee	36,450	63,750	(D)	(D)
Texas	1,188,350	886,100	415,950	1,020,250
Virginia	(D)	-	-	-
United States	1,733,600	1,551,500	486,400	1,154,450
American Pima				
Arizona	(D)	-	-	-
California	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	-	(D)
United States	(D)	-	-	(D)

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(NA) Not available.

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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