



Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2011 Crop	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop
	November 1, 2011	November 1, 2012	November 1, 2013	November 1, 2014
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
All cotton				
Alabama	221,200	181,400	114,550	208,450
Arizona	109,100	101,950	75,300	78,150
Arkansas	690,550	921,400	325,000	393,950
California	161,400	246,450	235,050	160,400
Florida	39,200	20,500	17,800	40,150
Georgia	684,750	564,650	325,700	602,650
Kansas	(NA)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	485,150	408,250	264,650	290,600
Mississippi	679,350	575,050	314,500	454,050
Missouri	361,600	468,300	105,750	193,350
New Mexico	8,200	5,450	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	445,000	246,450	135,650	282,100
Oklahoma	5,550	22,450	15,050	13,050
South Carolina	112,250	61,600	26,850	102,700
Tennessee	471,100	478,600	69,700	195,650
Texas	1,908,150	1,973,700	1,000,000	1,741,650
Virginia	57,850	31,050	9,600	47,650
United States	6,440,400	6,307,250	3,037,600	4,806,850
American Pima				
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	68,900	126,100	130,550	110,500
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Texas	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
United States	71,350	126,500	130,850	113,300

- 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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