



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: November 1, 2012-2015

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop	2015 Crop
	November 1, 2012	November 1, 2013	November 1, 2014	November 1, 2015
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	181,400	114,550	208,450	171,700
Arizona	101,950	(D)	(D)	49,800
Arkansas	921,400	325,000	393,950	268,500
California	120,350	104,500	49,900	50,300
Florida	20,500	17,800	40,150	26,950
Georgia	564,650	325,700	602,650	441,550
Kansas	-	(D)	(D)	-
Louisiana	408,250	264,650	290,600	172,300
Mississippi	575,050	314,500	454,050	375,050
Missouri	468,300	105,750	193,350	202,250
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	246,450	135,650	282,100	185,400
Oklahoma	22,450	15,050	13,050	35,000
South Carolina	61,600	26,850	102,700	29,000
Tennessee	478,600	69,700	195,650	159,600
Texas	(D)	1,000,000	(D)	(D)
Virginia	31,050	9,600	47,650	52,400
United States	6,180,750	2,906,750	4,693,550	3,604,950
American Pima				
Arizona	-	(D)	(D)	3,500
California	126,100	130,550	110,500	76,500
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
Texas	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
United States	126,500	130,850	113,300	81,450
All				
Alabama	181,400	114,550	208,450	171,700
Arizona	101,950	75,300	78,150	53,300
Arkansas	921,400	325,000	393,950	268,500
California	246,450	235,050	160,400	126,800
Florida	20,500	17,800	40,150	26,950
Georgia	564,650	325,700	602,650	441,550
Kansas	-	(D)	(D)	-
Louisiana	408,250	264,650	290,600	172,300
Mississippi	575,050	314,500	454,050	375,050
Missouri	468,300	105,750	193,350	202,250
New Mexico	5,450	(D)	(D)	1,500
North Carolina	246,450	135,650	282,100	185,400
Oklahoma	22,450	15,050	13,050	35,000
South Carolina	61,600	26,850	102,700	29,000
Tennessee	478,600	69,700	195,650	159,600
Texas	1,973,700	1,000,000	1,741,650	1,385,100
Virginia	31,050	9,600	47,650	52,400
United States	6,307,250	3,037,600	4,806,850	3,686,400

- Represents zero.

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

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, February 1, and March 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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