



# Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2012 Crop	2013 Crop	2014 Crop	2015 Crop
	December 1, 2012	December 1, 2013	December 1, 2014	December 1, 2015
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
<b>Upland</b>				
Alabama .....	466,600	369,050	466,700	377,050
Arizona .....	257,150	(D)	210,000	125,800
Arkansas .....	1,226,700	684,900	748,350	466,500
California .....	316,450	227,850	144,600	121,000
Florida .....	76,100	72,150	94,400	68,300
Georgia .....	1,501,750	1,192,100	1,531,050	1,193,000
Kansas .....	36,750	11,250	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	474,850	318,300	395,250	188,650
Mississippi .....	872,200	627,550	861,100	575,850
Missouri .....	714,200	409,750	503,550	396,900
New Mexico .....	26,650	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	789,550	550,400	746,700	411,400
Oklahoma .....	80,100	55,000	95,250	127,700
South Carolina .....	225,700	146,350	272,100	76,600
Tennessee .....	718,750	345,950	473,450	298,450
Texas .....	3,992,250	2,555,350	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	107,650	83,300	119,000	120,750
United States .....	11,883,400	7,879,650	9,906,200	7,701,000
<b>American Pima</b>				
Arizona .....	3,850	(D)	10,300	16,600
California .....	363,900	369,050	317,550	232,200
New Mexico .....	2,850	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	8,500	4,600	(D)	(D)
United States .....	379,100	380,000	339,650	260,450
<b>All</b>				
Alabama .....	466,600	369,050	466,700	377,050
Arizona .....	261,000	214,250	220,300	142,400
Arkansas .....	1,226,700	684,900	748,350	466,500
California .....	680,350	596,900	462,150	353,200
Florida .....	76,100	72,150	94,400	68,300
Georgia .....	1,501,750	1,192,100	1,531,050	1,193,000
Kansas .....	36,750	11,250	(D)	(D)
Louisiana .....	474,850	318,300	395,250	188,650
Mississippi .....	872,200	627,550	861,100	575,850
Missouri .....	714,200	409,750	503,550	396,900
New Mexico .....	29,500	22,500	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	789,550	550,400	746,700	411,400
Oklahoma .....	80,100	55,000	95,250	127,700
South Carolina .....	225,700	146,350	272,100	76,600
Tennessee .....	718,750	345,950	473,450	298,450
Texas .....	4,000,750	2,559,950	3,227,000	3,138,350
Virginia .....	107,650	83,300	119,000	120,750
United States .....	12,262,500	8,259,650	10,245,850	7,961,450

(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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