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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2013-2016

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2013 Crop	2014 Crop	2015 Crop	2016 Crop
	December 1, 2013	December 1, 2014	December 1, 2015	December 1, 2016
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	369,050	466,700	377,050	504,900
Arizona	(D)	210,000	125,300	172,950
Arkansas	684,900	748,350	466,450	821,600
California	227,850	144,600	121,000	135,750
Florida	72,150	94,400	68,300	94,900
Georgia	1,192,100	1,531,050	1,193,000	1,533,200
Kansas	11,250	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	318,300	395,250	188,700	264,850
Mississippi	627,550	861,100	575,800	896,450
Missouri	409,750	503,550	391,650	546,450
 New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	550,400	746,700	411,400	307,000
Oklahoma	55,000	95,250	127,700	187,050
South Carolina	146,350	272,100	76,600	163,150
Tennessee	345,950	473,450	298,450	529,400
Texas	2,555,350	(D)	3,132,200	(D)
Virginia	83,300	119,000	120,750	80,500
 United States	7,879,650	9,906,200	7,695,200	9,987,300
American Pima				
Arizona	(D)	10,300	16,100	7,500
California	369,050	317,550	232,200	277,900
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	5,500	(D)
Texas	4,600	(D)	6,150	(D)
 United States	380,000	339,650	259,950	301,850
All				
Alabama	369,050	466,700	377,050	504,900
Arizona	214,250	220,300	141,400	180,450
Arkansas	684,900	748,350	466,450	821,600
California	596,900	462,150	353,200	413,650
Florida	72,150	94,400	68,300	94,900
Georgia	1,192,100	1,531,050	1,193,000	1,533,200
Kansas	11,250	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	318,300	395,250	188,700	264,850
Mississippi	627,550	861,100	575,800	896,450
Missouri	409,750	503,550	391,650	546,450
 New Mexico	22,500	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	550,400	746,700	411,400	307,000
Oklahoma	55,000	95,250	127,700	187,050
South Carolina	146,350	272,100	76,600	163,150
Tennessee	345,950	473,450	298,450	529,400
Texas	2,559,950	3,227,000	3,138,350	3,722,650
Virginia	83,300	119,000	120,750	80,500
 United States	8,259,650	10,245,850	7,955,150	10,289,150

(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 ginnerers. 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. Ginnerers 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 ginnerers 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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