



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: November 1, 2016-2019

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2016 Crop	2017 Crop	2018 Crop	2019 Crop
	November 1, 2016	November 1, 2017	November 1, 2018	November 1, 2019
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	246,050	143,200	230,950	334,750
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	513,350	404,150	572,750	520,700
California	60,500	53,850	36,000	38,450
Florida	27,250	(D)	(D)	36,900
Georgia	595,450	468,650	396,500	865,150
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	221,650	232,500	232,000	265,150
Mississippi	505,800	470,700	563,750	568,900
Missouri	315,550	250,200	354,200	256,750
 New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	91,850	174,850	203,350	365,750
Oklahoma	64,500	44,250	23,300	55,600
South Carolina	55,600	90,600	74,850	143,450
Tennessee	304,350	250,900	360,900	352,650
Texas	(D)	(D)	1,634,250	(D)
Virginia	13,800	34,300	51,050	68,450
 United States	4,931,050	4,824,800	4,777,400	6,180,200
American Pima				
Arizona	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
California	80,900	85,950	96,550	68,550
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	(D)	1,000	(D)
 United States	84,600	89,750	100,450	68,850
All				
Alabama	246,050	143,200	230,950	334,750
Arizona	73,850	58,500	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	513,350	404,150	572,750	520,700
California	141,400	139,800	132,550	107,000
Florida	27,250	(D)	(D)	36,900
Georgia	595,450	468,650	396,500	865,150
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	221,650	232,500	232,000	265,150
Mississippi	505,800	470,700	563,750	568,900
Missouri	315,550	250,200	354,200	256,750
 New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	91,850	174,850	203,350	365,750
Oklahoma	64,500	44,250	23,300	55,600
South Carolina	55,600	90,600	74,850	143,450
Tennessee	304,350	250,900	360,900	352,650
Texas	1,839,750	2,132,700	1,635,250	2,263,150
Virginia	13,800	34,300	51,050	68,450
 United States	5,015,650	4,914,550	4,877,850	6,249,050

(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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