



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2014-2017

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2014 Crop	2015 Crop	2016 Crop	2017 Crop
	December 1, 2014	December 1, 2015	December 1, 2016	December 1, 2017
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	466,700	377,050	504,900	433,750
Arizona	210,000	125,300	172,950	158,250
Arkansas	748,350	466,450	821,600	919,300
California	144,600	121,000	135,750	127,050
Florida	94,400	68,300	94,900	64,300
Georgia	1,531,050	1,193,000	1,533,200	1,336,450
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	395,250	188,700	264,850	368,800
Mississippi	861,100	575,800	896,450	1,010,100
Missouri	503,550	391,650	546,200	546,950
 New Mexico	 (D)	 (D)	 (D)	 (D)
North Carolina	746,700	411,400	307,000	521,800
Oklahoma	95,250	127,700	187,050	173,700
South Carolina	272,100	76,600	163,150	236,250
Tennessee	473,450	298,450	529,400	591,850
Texas	(D)	3,132,200	(D)	(D)
Virginia	119,000	120,750	80,500	107,350
 United States	 9,906,200	 7,695,200	 9,997,250	 11,031,100
American Pima				
Arizona	10,300	16,100	7,500	10,550
California	317,550	232,200	272,600	279,450
New Mexico	(D)	5,500	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	6,150	(D)	(D)
 United States	 339,650	 259,950	 298,750	 304,150
All				
Alabama	466,700	377,050	504,900	433,750
Arizona	220,300	141,400	180,450	168,800
Arkansas	748,350	466,450	821,600	919,300
California	462,150	353,200	408,350	406,500
Florida	94,400	68,300	94,900	64,300
Georgia	1,531,050	1,193,000	1,533,200	1,336,450
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	395,250	188,700	264,850	368,800
Mississippi	861,100	575,800	896,450	1,010,100
Missouri	503,550	391,650	546,200	546,950
 New Mexico	 (D)	 (D)	 (D)	 (D)
North Carolina	746,700	411,400	307,000	521,800
Oklahoma	95,250	127,700	187,050	173,700
South Carolina	272,100	76,600	163,150	236,250
Tennessee	473,450	298,450	529,400	591,850
Texas	3,227,000	3,138,350	3,735,050	4,394,450
Virginia	119,000	120,750	80,500	107,350
 United States	 10,245,850	 7,955,150	 10,296,000	 11,335,250

(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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