



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2017-2020

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2017 Crop	2018 Crop	2019 Crop	2020 Crop
	December 1, 2017	December 1, 2018	December 1, 2019	December 1, 2020
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	433,750	487,200	679,750	452,800
Arizona	158,250	107,450	(D)	(D)
Arkansas	891,300	996,950	1,060,900	1,034,850
California	127,050	86,950	90,150	68,500
Florida	64,300	41,800	97,400	48,400
Georgia	1,336,450	1,056,600	1,758,300	1,008,750
Kansas	(D)	17,550	43,850	52,950
Louisiana	368,700	357,100	460,700	310,700
Mississippi	999,250	1,050,600	1,136,700	1,008,750
Missouri	546,950	624,700	551,650	425,000
New Mexico	(D)	12,900	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	521,800	530,050	778,350	279,600
Oklahoma	173,700	135,900	205,950	199,750
South Carolina	236,250	208,800	283,200	112,600
Tennessee	591,850	668,750	713,300	492,350
Texas	(D)	3,431,750	4,502,250	3,660,050
Virginia	107,350	126,200	148,450	46,850
United States	10,984,900	9,941,250	12,646,750	9,356,450
American Pima				
Arizona	10,550	11,450	(D)	(D)
California	277,200	298,900	259,850	188,000
New Mexico	(D)	5,000	(D)	(D)
Texas	(D)	8,350	9,850	15,200
United States	301,900	323,700	277,600	213,900
All				
Alabama	433,750	487,200	679,750	452,800
Arizona	168,800	118,900	(D)	142,550
Arkansas	891,300	996,950	1,060,900	1,034,850
California	404,250	385,850	350,000	256,500
Florida	64,300	41,800	97,400	48,400
Georgia	1,336,450	1,056,600	1,758,300	1,008,750
Kansas	(D)	17,550	43,850	52,950
Louisiana	368,700	357,100	460,700	310,700
Mississippi	999,250	1,050,600	1,136,700	1,008,750
Missouri	546,950	624,700	551,650	425,000
New Mexico	(D)	17,900	(D)	22,700
North Carolina	521,800	530,050	778,350	279,600
Oklahoma	173,700	135,900	205,950	199,750
South Carolina	236,250	208,800	283,200	112,600
Tennessee	591,850	668,750	713,300	492,350
Texas	4,394,450	3,440,100	4,512,100	3,675,250
Virginia	107,350	126,200	148,450	46,850
United States	11,286,800	10,264,950	12,924,350	9,570,350

(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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