



# Cotton Ginnings

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

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2017 Crop	2018 Crop	2019 Crop	2020 Crop
	November 1, 2017	November 1, 2018	November 1, 2019	November 1, 2020
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
<b>Upland</b>				
Alabama .....	143,200	230,950	334,750	135,650
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	56,700
Arkansas .....	404,150	572,750	520,700	471,350
California .....	53,850	36,000	38,450	26,050
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	36,900	(D)
Georgia .....	468,650	396,500	865,150	254,100
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,600
Louisiana .....	232,500	232,000	265,150	185,600
Mississippi .....	470,700	563,750	568,900	488,000
Missouri .....	250,200	354,200	256,750	153,450
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	174,850	203,350	366,300	17,900
Oklahoma .....	44,250	23,300	55,600	51,450
South Carolina .....	90,600	74,850	143,450	17,050
Tennessee .....	250,900	360,900	352,650	176,650
Texas .....	(D)	1,634,250	(D)	(D)
Virginia .....	34,300	51,050	68,450	(D)
United States .....	4,824,800	4,777,400	6,180,750	3,946,200
<b>American Pima</b>				
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	-	-
California .....	85,950	96,550	68,550	38,300
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas .....	(D)	1,000	(D)	(D)
United States .....	89,750	100,450	68,850	40,750
<b>All</b>				
Alabama .....	143,200	230,950	334,750	135,650
Arizona .....	58,500	(D)	(D)	56,700
Arkansas .....	404,150	572,750	520,700	471,350
California .....	139,800	132,550	107,000	64,350
Florida .....	(D)	(D)	36,900	(D)
Georgia .....	468,650	396,500	865,150	254,100
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,600
Louisiana .....	232,500	232,000	265,150	185,600
Mississippi .....	470,700	563,750	568,900	488,000
Missouri .....	250,200	354,200	256,750	153,450
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina .....	174,850	203,350	366,300	17,900
Oklahoma .....	44,250	23,300	55,600	51,450
South Carolina .....	90,600	74,850	143,450	17,050
Tennessee .....	250,900	360,900	352,650	176,650
Texas .....	2,132,700	1,635,250	2,263,150	1,901,100
Virginia .....	34,300	51,050	68,450	(D)
United States .....	4,914,550	4,877,850	6,249,600	3,986,950

- Represents zero.

(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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