



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: December 1, 2015-2018

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2015 Crop	2016 Crop	2017 Crop	2018 Crop
	December 1, 2015	December 1, 2016	December 1, 2017	December 1, 2018
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)
Upland				
Alabama	377,050	504,900	433,750	487,200
Arizona	125,300	172,950	158,250	107,450
Arkansas	466,450	821,600	891,300	996,950
California	121,000	135,750	127,050	86,950
Florida	68,300	94,900	64,300	(D)
Georgia	1,193,000	1,533,200	1,336,450	1,056,600
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	188,700	264,850	368,700	357,100
Mississippi	575,800	896,450	999,250	1,050,600
Missouri	391,650	546,200	546,950	624,700
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	411,400	307,000	521,800	530,050
Oklahoma	127,700	187,050	173,700	135,900
South Carolina	76,600	163,150	236,250	208,800
Tennessee	298,450	529,400	591,850	668,750
Texas	3,132,200	(D)	(D)	(D)
Virginia	120,750	80,500	107,350	126,200
United States	7,695,200	9,997,250	10,984,900	9,941,250
American Pima				
Arizona	16,100	7,500	10,550	11,450
California	232,200	272,600	277,200	298,900
New Mexico	5,500	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	6,150	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	259,950	298,750	301,900	323,700
All				
Alabama	377,050	504,900	433,750	487,200
Arizona	141,400	180,450	168,800	118,900
Arkansas	466,450	821,600	891,300	996,950
California	353,200	408,350	404,250	385,850
Florida	68,300	94,900	64,300	(D)
Georgia	1,193,000	1,533,200	1,336,450	1,056,600
Kansas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Louisiana	188,700	264,850	368,700	357,100
Mississippi	575,800	896,450	999,250	1,050,600
Missouri	391,650	546,200	546,950	624,700
New Mexico	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
North Carolina	411,400	307,000	521,800	530,050
Oklahoma	127,700	187,050	173,700	135,900
South Carolina	76,600	163,150	236,250	208,800
Tennessee	298,450	529,400	591,850	668,750
Texas	3,138,350	3,735,050	4,394,450	3,440,100
Virginia	120,750	80,500	107,350	126,200
United States	7,955,150	10,296,000	11,286,800	10,264,950

(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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