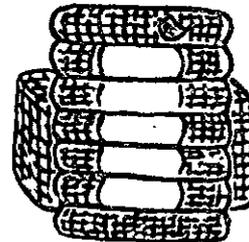


# Cotton Production



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## COTTON CROP DOWN 190,000 BALES FROM A MONTH AGO

All cotton production is forecast at 10,428,900 bales -- 10,355,400 bales of upland and 73,500 bales of American-Pima, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The November 1 forecast of all cotton is 2 percent less than the October 1 forecast but 4 percent above the 10,015,000 bales harvested in 1969.

Differences between the November 1 forecast and actual production during the past decade have averaged 224,000 bales. These differences ranged from a low of 12,000 bales in 1963 to 715,000 bales in 1966 when an early November freeze caused severe losses in the Delta area and moderate damage to unopened bolls in Texas and Oklahoma.

Production in the Southeast -- North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama -- is forecast at 1,135,000 bales, up 5,000 bales from the October 1 forecast and 8 percent more than the 1,048,000 bales harvested in 1969. Weather favored harvest the first half of October, and picking progressed well. Rains the latter part of the month slowed picking. But ginning was well advanced by November 1 when 71 percent of the crop had been ginned in the four States.

In the Delta States -- Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri -- cotton growers expect to harvest 3,915,000 bales -- a drop of 130,000 bales from the October 1 forecast. Frequent rains during October and the resulting wet and boggy fields kept pickers practically at a standstill. Ginnings to November 1 for the five-State area indicate that only 36 percent of the crop has been ginned compared with 82 percent in 1969, 68 percent in 1968, and 46 percent in 1967.

In Texas and Oklahoma, upland cotton production is forecast at 3,515,000 bales, compared with 3,525,000 bales on October 1. Harvest progressed normally in Texas although hampered by above normal rainfall in most areas. An early October freeze in the High Plains killed vegetative growth. Oklahoma's crop prospects declined. The bulk of the State's crop is in poor condition.

Upland cotton production in New Mexico, Arizona and California is forecast at 1,770,000 bales, a decline of 50,000 bales from the October 1 forecast. An early October freeze damaged immature bolls in New Mexico. Below normal temperatures in Arizona and California have retarded the late top crop.

The November 1 forecast of 10,428,900 bales is in terms of 500 pounds gross weight. Ginnings for the 1970 season are indicated to be 10,416,000 running bales and cottonseed production 4,354,000 tons. The Bureau of the Census reports 4,165,159 bales ginned to November 1, compared with 5,783,398 bales a year ago. For the Nation, this indicates about 40 percent of the crop had been ginned to November 1 compared with 58 percent in 1969, 54 percent in 1968 and 44 percent in 1967.

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COTTON REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1970

State	Acres		Lint yield per			Production <sup>2/</sup>		
	for	harvest	1968	1969	1970	500-lb. gross weight	gross weight	bales
	1970 <sup>1/</sup>	1970 <sup>1/</sup>			indic.	1968	1969	1970
	1,000	acres	Pounds			1,000 bales		
North Carolina	165	310	287	422		123	100	145
South Carolina	300	352	342	336		251	205	210
Georgia	380	322	351	360		266	282	285
Tennessee	395	432	505	462		325	422	380
Alabama	550	362	405	432		397	461	495
Missouri	225	495	511	491		197	326	230
Mississippi	1,180	660	537	681		1,522	1,328	1,675
Arkansas	1,090	502	518	484		1,028	1,140	1,100
Louisiana	450	636	551	565		545	483	530
Oklahoma	450	333	288	203		264	279	190
Texas, All	5,027.0	410	294	320		3,525	2,862	3,353
Upland	5,000.0	410	292	319		3,502.1	2,834.3	3,325.0
Amer-Pima <sup>3/</sup>	27.0	456	492	498		22.9	27.7	28.0
New Mexico, All	140.5	557	517	485		176	157	142
Upland	125.0	571	529	499		164.6	144.8	130.0
Amer-Pima <sup>3/</sup>	15.5	411	404	372		11.4	12.2	12.0
Arizona, All	273.8	1,180	979	891		734	634	508
Upland	241.0	1,230	1,033	946		689.8	596.7	475.0
Amer-Pima <sup>3/</sup>	32.8	721	533	483		44.2	37.3	33.0
California, All	675.5	1,097	893	828		1,573	1,315	1,165.5
Upland	675.0	1,097	894	828		1,572.3	1,314.5	1,165.0
Amer-Pima <sup>3/</sup>	0.5	762	498	480		0.7	0.5	0.5
Other States <sup>4/</sup>	22.7	422	390	431		21.8	20.8	20.4
<u>United States</u>								
Upland	11,248.7	516	433	442		10,868.6	9,937.1	10,355.4
Amer-Pima <sup>3/</sup>	75.8	565	493	465		79.2	77.7	73.5
All Cotton <sup>5/</sup>	11,324.5	516	433	442		10,948	10,015	10,428.9

<sup>1/</sup> August 1 estimate. <sup>2/</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned. A 500-pound bale contains about 480 net pounds of lint. <sup>3/</sup> American Egyptian prior to July 1, 1970. <sup>4/</sup> Virginia, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Nevada. <sup>5/</sup> 1968 and 1969, U.S. all cotton rounded to thousands.

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