

# cotton production



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## Cotton Acreage Report July 1, 1971 Acreage Planted Up 4 Percent From Last Year

Cotton planted this year is estimated at 12,398,600 acres -- 4 percent above the 11,945,200 acres planted in 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Upland cotton plantings are up 419,600 acres from a year earlier and American-Pima acreage is up 33,800 acres.

The national acreage allotment for upland cotton is 11.5 million acres, down 33 percent from last year. Upland cotton producers in 1971 may exceed allotments and still obtain program benefits as provided by the Agricultural Act of 1970. The American-Pima allotment, at 117.8 thousand acres, is up 50 percent.

In the Southeast growers planted 1,525,000 acres -- 2 percent more than in 1970. Acreage is above last year in all Southeast States except Alabama where acreage is the same as last year. Cool, wet weather early in the season caused much replanting and difficulty in obtaining adequate stands. The crop is mostly in fair condition but should improve with warmer temperatures and favorable soil moisture.

Plantings in the Delta States are 9 percent larger than a year earlier. Increases in acreage ranged from 5 to 15 percent above last season, with plantings in Louisiana up 15 percent; Mississippi up 11 percent; Missouri up 8 percent; and Tennessee and Arkansas each up 5 percent. Plantings in Missouri and Tennessee were completed about on schedule. In other Delta States, wet weather and below normal temperatures slowed germination and growth and caused considerable replanting. Warmer weather in June benefited the crop.

Acreage in Texas is up 2 percent but plantings in Oklahoma are 11 percent below a year earlier because of dry weather in the western portion of the State. Extreme drought in the major growing areas of Texas delayed plantings and some acreage was not seeded. Substantial acreage in the southern half of the State was planted without adequate moisture and stands are spotty. Hail and rainstorms destroyed some acreage on the High Plains and replanting was necessary. The crop on the High Plains is making good progress.

Planted acreage is up 7 percent in California and 2 percent in Arizona; down 2 percent in New Mexico. Cold spring weather retarded growth and germination. Recent hot weather has been favorable but development of the crop is behind normal.

COTTON ACREAGE, JULY 1, 1971

State	1969		1970		1971	
	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Harvested	Planted	Percent of 1970
	1,000 acres					
North Carolina	184	166	173	160	185	107
South Carolina	350	287	346	290	355	103
Georgia	410	385	408	380	420	103
Tennessee	420	400	425	390	445	105
Alabama	566	545	565	538	565	100
Missouri	312	292	310	250	335	108
Mississippi	1,225	1,185	1,235	1,190	1,371	111
Arkansas	1,090	1,055	1,120	1,070	1,180	105
Louisiana	440	420	465	450	535	115
Oklahoma	500	465	525	450	467	89
Texas, All	5,175.0	4,675.0	5,251.8	4,896.0	5,371.0	102
Upland	5,147.5	4,648.0	5,225.0	4,870.0	5,330.0	102
Amer.-Pima	27.5	27.0	26.8	26.0	41.0	153
New Mexico, All	163.0	146.0	154.5	141.3	151.0	98
Upland	147.0	131.5	139.0	126.0	130.0	94
Amer.-Pima	16.0	14.5	15.5	15.3	21.0	135
Arizona, All	311.0	310.0	276.1	273.8	282.0	102
Upland	277.4	276.6	243.0	241.0	235.0	97
Amer.-Pima	33.6	33.4	33.1	32.8	47.0	142
California, All	707.0	701.0	665.5	662.4	710.7	107
Upland	706.5	700.6	665.0	662.0	710.0	107
Amer.-Pima	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	140
Virginia	5.5	5.0	4.8	4.3	4.3	90
Florida	13.6	12.5	13.3	12.0	13.0	98
Illinois	1.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.0	167
Kentucky	5.7	5.4	4.3	3.4	5.3	123
Nevada	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	100
<u>United States</u>						
Upland	11,804.3	10,982.3	11,869.3	11,089.3	12,288.9	103.5
Amer.-Pima	77.6	75.3	75.9	74.5	109.7	144.5
All Cotton 1/	11,882	11,058	11,945.2	11,163.8	12,398.6	103.8

1/ 1969, U. S. all cotton rounded to thousands.

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