

cotton production



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COTTON PRODUCTION DOWN 252 THOUSAND BALES FROM A MONTH AGO

All cotton production is forecast at 10.7 million bales--10.6 million bales of upland and 96,500 bales of American-Pima, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The October 1 forecast of all cotton is 2 percent less than the September 1 forecast but up 5 percent from the 10.2 million bales harvested in 1970. Differences between the October 1 forecast and actual production during the past decade have averaged 379,000 bales, ranging from 16,000 bales to 1,113,000 bales. October 1 data point to a U.S. yield of 443 pounds per acre, 10 pounds less than a month earlier but 6 pounds more than the 1970 yield of 437 pounds of lint per acre.

Production in the Southeast--North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama--is forecast at 1,290 thousand bales, up slightly from the 1,255 thousand bales forecast on September 1. Generally clear weather during September was favorable for the cotton crop. Boll weevil and boll worm control was aided by the dry weather.

In the Delta States--Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri--cotton growers expect to gin 4,150 thousand bales, up 50 thousand bales from the September 1 forecast. Excessive moisture has resulted in rank stalk growth throughout much of the Delta area. Insect control has been difficult and boll rot continues to be a problem.

Upland cotton production in Texas and Oklahoma is forecast at 3,405 thousand bales, compared with the 3,690 thousand bales on September 1. Rains and cool temperatures during the month delayed maturity and slowed early harvesting in Texas. Wet weather in east Texas and the Blacklands necessitated use of defoliants twice. Oklahoma's crop is maturing slowly.

In New Mexico, Arizona, and California upland cotton growers expect to harvest 1,740 thousand bales, 3 percent less than the 1,785 thousand bales estimated on September 1. Insects and diseases continued to reduce prospects in California. Heavy late September rains caused some losses in Arizona and increased boll rot.

For the Nation about 8.2 percent of the crop was ginned to October 1, compared with 11.2 percent to the same date last year. The Bureau of the Census reports 879,684 running bales ginned to October 1, compared with 1,135,199 bales a year earlier.

Ginnings for the 1971 season are indicated to be 10.7 million running bales and cottonseed production 4.4 million tons.

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COTTON REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1971

State	Acreage			Lint yield per			Production 2/		
	Harvested	For	harvest	harvested acre			480-lb. net weight bales		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
	1,000 acres			Pounds			1,000 bales		
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North Carolina	166	160	167	287	464	431	99	155	150
South Carolina	287	290	335	342	349	416	205	211	290
Georgia	385	380	385	351	368	399	282	292	320
Tennessee	400	390	425	505	483	486	421	392	430
Alabama	545	538	550	405	453	463	460	507	530
Missouri	292	250	300	533	431	512	325	224	320
Mississippi	1,185	1,190	1,350	534	645	587	1,319	1,600	1,650
Arkansas	1,055	1,070	1,135	518	470	486	1,137	1,048	1,150
Louisiana	420	450	505	551	555	570	482	521	600
Oklahoma	465	450	396	288	206	273	279	193	225
Texas, All	4,675.0	4,896.0	4,885.4	294	315	315	2,859	3,213.9	3,209.0
Upland	4,648.0	4,870.0	4,850.0	292	315	315	2,831.3	3,194.9	3,180.0
Amer.-Pima	27.0	26.0	35.4	492	350	393	27.6	19.0	29.0
New Mexico, All	146.0	141.3	145.5	517	486	553	157	142.9	167.5
Upland	131.5	126.0	125.0	529	504	576	145	132.3	150.0
Amer.-Pima	14.5	15.3	20.5	404	334	410	12.2	10.6	17.5
Arizona, All	310.0	273.8	278.4	979	859	929	632	490.2	539.0
Upland	276.6	241.0	234.0	1,033	920	1,005	595.1	462.1	490.0
Amer.-Pima	33.4	32.8	44.4	533	411	530	37.1	28.1	49.0
California, All	701.0	662.4	702.2	898	841	753	1,312	1,160.3	1,101.0
Upland	700.6	662.0	701.5	899	841	753	1,311.6	1,160.0	1,100.0
Amer.-Pima 1/	.4	.4	.7	498	335	686	.5	.3	1.0
Virginia 1/	5.0	4.3	4.0	201	384	276	2.1	3.4	2.3
Florida 1/	12.5	12.0	12.0	360	298	360	9.4	7.4	9.0
Illinois 1/	.4	.4	.5	460	245	480	.4	.2	.5
Kentucky 1/	5.4	3.4	4.4	516	344	524	5.8	2.4	4.8
Nevada 1/	2.3	2.2	2.3	654	545	584	3.1	2.5	2.8
United States									
Upland	10,982.3	11,089.3	11,481.7	433	437	443	9,912.8	10,108.2	10,604.4
Amer.-Pima	75.3	74.5	101.0	493	373	459	77.4	58.0	96.5
All Cotton 3/	11,058	11,163.8	11,582.7	434	437	443	9,990	10,166.2	10,700.9

1/ Estimates are not based on current indications but are carried forward from previous report.

2/ Production ginned and to be ginned.

3/ U. S. all cotton rounded to thousands in 1969.

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