

# cotton production



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## COTTON CROP DOWN 161,500 BALES FROM A MONTH AGO

All cotton production is forecast at 10,557,400 bales - 10,464,400 bales of upland and 93,000 bales of American-Pima, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The December 1 forecast of all cotton is 2 percent below the November 1 forecast but 4 percent above the 10,166,200 bales harvested in 1970. Cottonseed production is estimated at 4,385,300 tons compared with 4,093,000 tons in 1970.

Production in the Southeast -- North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama is forecast at 1,385,000 bales, up 65,000 bales from the November 1 forecast and 19 percent more than the 1,165,000 harvested in 1970. Harvest in the Carolina's has been delayed by wet weather. Harvest in Georgia is late, but in Alabama is slightly ahead of last year. About 88 percent of the crop in these States had been ginned by December 1.

In the Delta States -- Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri -- cotton growers expect to harvest 4,345,000 bales, up 125,000 bales from the November 1 forecast. Weather continued very good for harvest in most areas. Harvest was nearing completion and by December 1 about 97 percent of the crop had been ginned.

In Texas and Oklahoma, upland cotton production is forecast at 2,990,000 bales, compared with 3,325,000 bales on November 1. Cool, wet weather continues to delay harvest in Texas and Oklahoma. In this two-State area only 34 percent of the crop had been ginned by December 1 compared with 87 percent in 1970.

Upland cotton production in New Mexico, Arizona, and California is forecast at 1,725,000 bales, 10,000 bales below November 1. Harvest continued active during November in California, New Mexico and Arizona. About 87 percent of the crop had been ginned by December 1.

The Bureau of the Census reports 7,916,210 bales ginned to December 1, compared with 8,829,606 bales a year ago. This indicates about 76 percent had been ginned prior to December 1 compared with 87 percent in 1970 and 84 percent in 1969.

COTTON REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 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		
North Carolina	166	160	175	287	464	343	99	155	125
South Carolina	287	290	335	342	349	387	205	211	270
Georgia	385	380	385	351	368	436	282	292	350
Tennessee	400	390	425	505	483	599	421	392	530
Alabama	545	538	555	405	453	554	460	507	640
Missouri	292	250	305	533	431	614	325	224	390
Mississippi	1,185	1,190	1,325	534	645	598	1,319	1,600	1,650
Arkansas	1,055	1,070	1,135	518	470	507	1,137	1,048	1,200
Louisiana	420	450	505	551	555	547	482	521	575
Oklahoma	465	450	396	288	206	230	279	193	190
Texas, All	4,675.0	4,896.0	4,785.4	294	315	284	2,859.0	3,213.9	2,832.0
Upland	4,648.0	4,870.0	4,750.0	292	315	283	2,831.3	3,194.9	2,800.0
Amer.-Pima	27.0	26.0	35.4	492	350	434	27.6	19.0	32.0
New Mexico, All	146.0	141.3	145.5	517	486	495	157.0	142.9	150.0
Upland	131.5	126.0	125.0	529	504	518	145.0	132.3	135.0
Amer.-Pima	14.5	15.3	20.5	404	334	351	12.2	10.6	15.0
Arizona, All	310.0	273.8	285.4	979	859	866	632.0	490.2	515.0
Upland	276.6	241.0	241.0	1,033	920	936	595.1	462.1	470.0
Amer.-Pima	33.4	32.8	44.4	533	411	486	37.1	28.1	45.0
California, All	701.0	662.4	730.7	898	841	736	1,312.0	1,160.3	1,121.0
Upland	700.6	662.0	730.0	899	841	736	1,311.6	1,160.0	1,120.0
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	11,410.2	433	437	440	9,912.8	10,108.2	10,464.4
Amer.-Pima	75.3	74.5	101.0	493	373	442	77.4	58.0	93.0
All Cotton 3/	11,058	11,163.8	11,511.2	434	437	440	9,990	10,166.2	10,557.4

- 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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