



Cotton Ginnings

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Running Bales Ginned by Crop – States and United States: October 1, 2007-2010

[Excluding linters]

Crop and State	Running bales ginned			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
All Cotton				
Alabama	31,550	10,450	(D)	78,550
Arizona	30,300	13,850	18,000	16,050
Arkansas	297,650	37,550	-	348,050
California	(D)	-	-	-
Florida	(D)	1,050	-	(D)
Georgia	14,750	37,900	(D)	151,100
Louisiana	49,100	71,050	18,250	205,350
Mississippi	162,750	17,600	(D)	321,900
Missouri	234,100	12,400	-	145,650
New Mexico	-	-	-	(D)
North Carolina	28,300	1,700	1,600	92,800
Oklahoma	1,200	-	-	1,500
South Carolina	8,550	1,950	3,550	16,900
Tennessee	142,350	18,350	-	172,050
Texas	559,750	573,550	191,000	730,550
Virginia	1,750	-	-	2,050
United States	1,566,300	797,400	233,900	2,288,500
American Pima				
Arizona	(D)	-	-	-
California	(D)	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	-	-
United States	(D)	-	-	-

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual gins.

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 and February 1) for all estimating States while data collection begins with an August 1 survey in Texas. 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 of the following year 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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